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REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE

### Four survive as Russian pvt jet crashes in Af

Four persons survived a plane crash while the condition of two others on board was not clear, Russia's aviation watchdog Rosaviatsia said. The jet was operating as a charter air ambulance and was en route from Thailand to Russia. It had a technical stopover at Gaya in Bihar for refuelling and was headed to Uzbekistan when it crashed in the mountainous Badakhshan province. There were four crew members and two passengers — all Russian.

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## No holiday for Pratishtha, clarifies CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah here on Sunday clarified that the state government will not declare a holiday on Monday, even as the Central government announced half-a-day of holiday for its employees to witness the consecration of Ram Lalla at Ayodhya.

"As per the order of the muzrai department, the pooja will be performed at all temples. I am inaugurating a Srirama temple at Mahadevapura Assembly constituency in Bengaluru. The organisers invited me to do so. I will not declare a holiday on Monday," he clarified while replying to a query from reporters at Siddaganga Mutt.

When his attention was drawn to the Tamil Nadu government banning the live telecast of the consecration event, Siddaramaiah turned red and asked angrily, "Why should I reply to Tamil Nadu's decision?"

EXPRESS READ

### India to deport 276 Myanmarese soldiers

Aizawl: India will send back 276 Myanmarese soldiers who fled to Mizoram last week following gunfights with an ethnic insurgent group. With this repatriation, which will continue on Monday and Tuesday, over 600 soldiers from Myanmar will be sent back.

### Juvenile held in J&K terror attack case

Jammu: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a juvenile in connection with the 2023 Dhangri terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district that claimed the lives of seven civilians. P9

### 6 DEATHS

DUE TO COVID IN COUNTRY

India has logged 290 fresh cases of Covid, with six deaths, four from Kerala and one each from Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, reported in a span of 24 hours, according to the ministry's data

Seating arrangements being made at the Ram temple for the consecration ceremony | PTI

# Ayodhya set for Lord Ram's homecoming

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AYODHYA is all set for the Ram temple consecration on Monday in a grand ceremony that will be attended by thousands and watched live by crores of people worldwide. Most of the guests have reached the temple town, which is on the cusp of becoming one of the most prominent spiritual destinations on the global map.

Decorated with some 3,000 kg flowers, confetti and fluttering saffron flags emblazoned with the symbols of Treta Yug, the holy city has spread its arms to welcome some 7,000 distinguished guests led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Monday dawn will be marked by 'Mangal Dhwani' made through 50 musical instruments of different states. It will continue for two hours from 10 am till the commencement of the consecration ritual.

Modi will land at Ayodhya at 10:25 am and reach the temple by 11 am. Till noon, the PM will take part in various events and will start the puja at 12.05 pm till 12.55 pm. He will spend about 3.5 hours in the temple town till 2:10 pm. Accompanied by 15 other Yajmans from different sections of society, the PM will take the week-long rituals to culminate in final ritual — Chakshu Unmilan (opening of eyes) — of the deity.

After entering the sanctum sanctorum, the PM will remove the blindfold from the idol and will apply 'kajal' on the eyes of the deity with a gold stick. He will then show a mirror to Ram Lalla followed by a Mahaarti by illuminating 108 diyas to conclude consecration of Ram Lalla. The final ritual has a window of just 84 seconds – between 12.29.08 pm and 12.30.32 pm. P6, 9,10

**AI drones deployed**

Over 10,000 CCTV cameras and drones equipped with artificial intelligence technology have been deployed

**3,000 kg of flowers**

Over 3,000 kg of rich fragrance-bearing flowers brought from Chennai will be used for decorating the sanctum santorum of the temple in Ayodhya

## Assam Congress chief injured in Rahul yatra

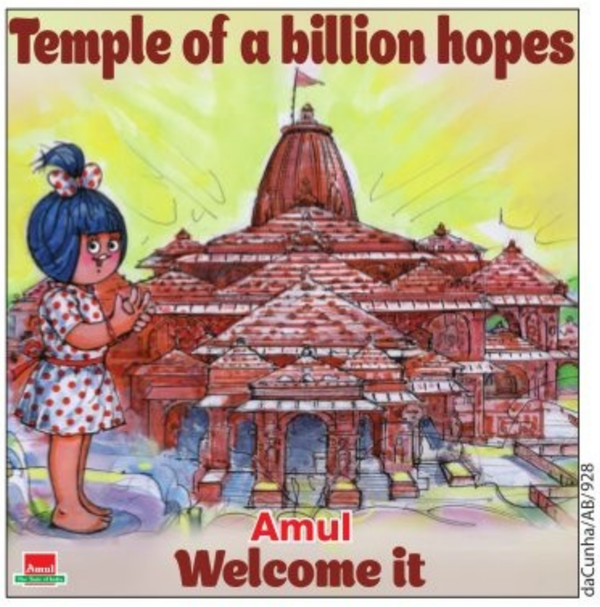
PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

DRAMATIC scenes unfolded in Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra on Sunday as Assam Congress chief Bhupen Kumar Borah was assaulted and left with a bleeding nose. When the yatra bus reached Jamugurihat in Sonitpur district, about 60 people gheraoed the bus, according to the Congress. When Borah got down from the bus, he was beaten up. Those who tried to save the state Congress chief were also thrashed, party leaders claimed.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh criticised Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for the yatra's troubles in the state. He said the CM became nervous from the day a group of women left the venue of a "government programme" to meet Gandhi and take photos with him.

Congress leaders alleged Gandhi and others were heckled on Monday by a crowd who chanted 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Modi, Modi' slogans. Speaking at a meeting later, Gandhi said, "Around 20-25 BJP workers carrying sticks came in front of our bus; when I came out from the bus, they ran away."

On Monday, Gandhi was to visit a Vaishnavite monastery betwen 8-9 am, but was denied permission. The monastery asked Gandhi to reach there only after 3 pm, saying his visit in the morning would disturb the programmes being planned in connection with the Ram temple consecration.




## Suburban rail project sluggish

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE only corridor of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail where work has started -- Corridor 2 from Benniganahalli to Chikkabannavar -- is proceeding at a sluggish pace, though one-and-a-half years have lapsed since the work order was issued. A major chunk of the required land is yet to be handed over to the contractor, while a serious labour shortage had impacted the contractor, but was solved recently. CONTINUED ON: P4

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# Ayodhya

## A Vision of Modernity and Spirituality

**A grand temple of Prabhu Shri Ram, which gives the experience of spiritual happiness, has taken shape in Ayodhya. It is difficult to put words to feelings, as the time of consecration of the idol of Ramlalla in the grand temple has arrived. The historic moment for which Shri Ram devotees across the country and the world have eagerly waited, now ends on this auspicious day with the resolutions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. With this, Ayodhya has climbed the steps of development which people had not even imagined. The city of Ayodhya has become synonymous with divinity, grandeur and newness.**

## WEATHER FORECAST IN 140 LANGUAGES

With tourists from across the globe eager to visit Ayodhya, The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has decided to forecast its weather updates in as many as 140 Indian and foreign languages.

The IMD has created a special webpage on its official website that offers weather reports of Ayodhya and places around the town in different languages.

The webpage has been created by the UP wing of the IMD ahead of the consecration ceremony event to be held at the newly constructed Ram temple on January 22. The webpage is hosted by IMD of all the states.

Also, weather reports of Prayagraj, Varanasi, New Delhi and Lucknow have been made available on the same page since many tourists are likely to visit these places of religious significance also.

## HELI SERVICES

The state government in an initiative is set to introduce an aerial darshan of Ayodhya city and the Shri Ram Temple to facilitate the pilgrimage for Ram devotees and tourists visiting Ayodhya Dham.

The Yogi government is introducing helicopter services from six districts in the state. Services are set to commence from Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Mathura and Agra. The helicopter ride can accommodate up to five devotees, with a weight limit of 400 kg and devotees are allowed to carry a maximum of 5 kg of luggage.

## E-CARTS TO FACILITATE DARSHAN

In order to ensure a joyful experience for devotees visiting Ayodhya, the state government has made extensive arrangements to operate e-carts for transporting pilgrims to the Shri Ram Temple and Hanuman Garhi for the darshan of Shri Ram Lalla. These e-carts or golf carts will be free for the elderly, divyangs and pregnant women. Subsequently, wheelchairs will also be provided free of charge at that location for the elderly, divyangs, and pregnant women.

## SOLAR POWERED BOATS

In pursuit to transform Ayodhya into a model solar city, for the first time in the country, a solar power-enabled e-boat has been launched on the Saryu River. This solar-powered boat works on the concept of operating through clean energy. It is a dual-mode operating boat that works on a 100 percent solar electric power base. In addition to solar charging, it can also be operated using electric energy.

**MAIN FEATURES** •The boat is powered by 3.3 kilowatt rooftop solar panels • There are a total of 6 solar panels installed on the rooftop of the boat which produce 550 watts of power energy• This boat, constructed with lightweight materials and utilizing clean energy, is designed for high-speed river operation. It maintains a cruising speed of 6 knots and can reach a top speed of 9 knots • At present, for the operation of this boat, a meter power plug source is also being arranged in the shore-based jetty

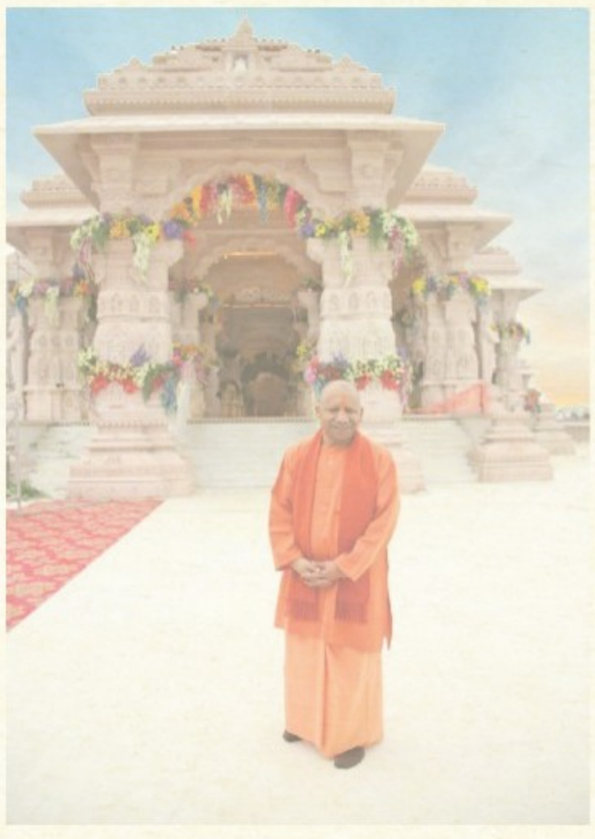
## SIGNAGES IN 28 LANGUAGES

To facilitate Indian and overseas tourists, the Ayodhya administration has begun putting up signages at important spots. These signages are in 22 Indian languages mentioned in the 8th schedule of the Indian Constitution and 6 official languages of the UN (United Nations).

The foreign languages in the signages are: Arabic, Chinese, French, English, Russian and Spanish. And the Indian languages are - Hindi, Urdu, Assamese, Oriya, Kannad, Kashmiri, Konkani, Gujarati, Dogri, Tamil, Telegu, Nepalese, Punjabi, Bangla, Bodo, Manipuri, Marathi, Malayalam, Maithili, Santhali, Sanskrit and Sindhi. The signages have been installed at all important locations in the city.

## TEMPLE MUSEUM IN MAJHA JAMTHARA

A significant stride in Ayodhya's journey is the planned establishment of a sprawling Temple Museum spanning 25 acres in Majha Jamthara. This cultural haven is set to showcase the rich tapestry of Ayodhya's religious and historical heritage. The museum promises to be a treasure trove of artifacts, manuscripts and relics, providing visitors with a profound insight into the city's glorious past.



## FEATURES OF SHRI RAM JANMABHOOMI TEMPLE

- The temple is being built in traditional Nagar style.
- The length of the temple (east to west) will be 380 feet, width 250 feet and height 161 feet.
- The temple will be three-storeyed. The height of each floor will be 20 feet. There will be a total of 392 pillars and 44 gates in the temple.
- There will be an idol of Shri Ramlalla Sarkar in the main sanctum and Shri Ram Darbar on the first floor.
- There will be five pavilions in the temple: dance pavilion, color pavilion, assembly pavilion, prayer pavilion and kirtan pavilion.
- Artworks of gods and goddesses are being carved on the pillars and walls.
- Entry to the temple will be from the east side by climbing 32 stairs from Singhdwar.
- Ramps and lifts have been arranged in the temple for the disabled and elderly.
- A rectangular wall is being built around the temple. Its total length in all four directions will be 732 meters and width will be 14 feet.
- Four temples dedicated to Surya Bhagwan, Maa Bhagwati, Ganapati and Bhagwan Shiva will be built on the four corners of the park. There will be a temple of Maa Annapurna in the northern arm and Hanuman ji temple in the southern arm.
- Sitakoop of ancient times will be present near the temple.
- Other temples proposed in the temple complex will be dedicated to Maharishi Valmiki, Maharishi Vashishtha, Maharishi Vishwamitra, Maharishi Agastya, Nishadraj, Mata Shabari and Rishipatni Devi Ahilya.
- The ancient temple of Bhagwan Shiva on Navratna Kuber Tila in the south-western part has been renovated and Jatayu statue has been installed there.
- To protect the temple from soil moisture, a 21 feet high plinth has been made of granite.
- 14-meter thick roller-compacted concrete has been laid under the temple. It has been given the form of an artificial rock.
- Sewer treatment plant, water treatment plant, water system for fire fighting and independent power station have been constructed independently in the temple complex, so that there is minimum dependence on external resources.
- A Visitor Facilitation Center with a capacity of 25,000 is being constructed, where there will be lockers for keeping the luggage of the visitors and medical facilities.
- Facilities of bathroom, toilet, wash basin, open taps etc. will also be available in the temple premises.
- The temple is being constructed completely according to Indian tradition and with indigenous technology. Special attention is being given to environment and water conservation. Of the total area of 70 acres, 70 percent of the area will always be green.

# Ayodhya, Where Divinity Meets Uniqueness

## Integrated Progress and Development

Implementation of development projects worth ₹31,000 crore

Doubling of 4 sections under the Jaunpur-Ayodhya-Barabanki Rail Line Project at a cost of ₹1,919 crore

Maharishi Valmiki International Airport Ayodhya Dham developed at a cost of ₹1,463 crore

Rejuvenation of Ayodhya Dham Junction with ₹241 crore

Construction of Ram Path (from Sahadatganj to Naya Ghat) at a cost of ₹845 crore

Construction of Rajarshi Dashrath Autonomous State Medical College in Ayodhya worth ₹246 crore

Construction of rail over bridge at Badi Bua railway crossing at a cost of ₹75 crore

Construction of Bhakti Path (from Ayodhya main road to Shri Ram Janmbhoomi via Hanuman Garhi) worth ₹68 crore

Widening and strengthening of Chaurasi Chaudah and Panch Kosi Parikrama Path

Maharishi Valmiki International Airport Ayodhya Dham

Ayodhya Dham Junction

Maharishi Arundhati Parking & Commercial Complex

Surya Kund Dwar

Construction of Maharishi Arundhati Parking and Commercial Complex (East and West) at a cost of ₹67 crore

Construction of Dharma Path (NH-27 to Naya Ghat Old Bridge) with ₹65 crore

Construction of 4 lane road from NH-27 bypass Mahobra Bazar to Shri Ram Janmbhoomi at a cost of ₹45 crore

Construction of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Path (from Sugriva Fort to Shri Ram Janmbhoomi) worth ₹41 crore

Construction of Laxman Kunj Multi level parking in Collectorate premises at a cost of ₹37 crore

Construction of transit hostel for police personnel at a cost of ₹34 crore

Construction of 4 lane road from Ayodhya-Sultanpur NH-330 to Airport worth ₹20 crore

Establishment of solid waste treatment plant in Pikhrauli Gram Sabha of Sohawal area at a cost of ₹17 crore

Multi-level parking and commercial complex in Amaniganj worth ₹17 crore

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• Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

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# City's public toilets raise safety concerns, reveals study

Drainage pipes blocked, no locks or latches or running water in ill-lit facilities; men cleaning staff for women's loos

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TOILETS lack proper locks and latches, have inadequate lighting, users are overcharged and male cleaning staff are found in women's toilets — these were some of the shocking revelations on the status of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) public toilets in Bengaluru.

The distressing state of 48 public toilets in the city has come to light with a survey titled 'The Big Bengaluru Toilet Survey', conducted by Nguvu Change leader Archana KR. The findings underscore significant safety concerns for women utilizing these facilities.

Shockingly, 75 per cent of the surveyed toilets lack proper locks and latches on doors, posing a serious security risk. Video evidence captured during the survey exposes instances of both male and female cleaning staff residing within women's toilets, which are critical lapses, according to the report.

Additionally, 66 per cent of these facilities suffer from inadequate lighting, heightening the sense of insecurity, particularly for women using public toilets at night. The survey further reveals a stark gender-based disparity in user costs, with male users paying only Rs 2, while their female counterparts are charged Rs 5, more than double the amount, highlighting an inequality in access and affordability, the report revealed.

The examination also highlighted critical shortcomings for women. A staggering 91 per cent of women's toilets lack dustbins for the disposal of sanitary napkins, turning the facilities into open bins strewn with used sanitary pads, tissues and plastic. Half the toilets have drainage pipe blockages at least onceevery quarter, exacerbating the already challenging conditions.

The deficient state of these facilities also raises concerns about basic hygiene, with a substantial 91 per cent needing amenities like consistent access to running water, mugs and cleaning materials.

Regarding inclusivity, the survey found that 91 per cent of the toilets are inaccessible to differently-abled people. Cleaning staff, many of whom are migrants from other states, face inhumane treatment and face challenges like lack of proper protective gear, leading to health issues like skin allergies. Living in unsanitary conditions in the toilets increases their difficulties, and the language barrier hinders their ability to communicate their needs. Of the 44 cleaning staff interviewed, only 66 per cent receive their wages regularly, adding another layer to the complex issues faced by these workers.

Archana KR and her team, who conducted the survey, suggested that BBMP should undertake comparable surveys, and implement corrective measures, both for current facilities and future toilet projects, and understand ground realities so as to create proper infrastructure for public needs.

OZONE URBANA

# K-RERA orders fail to budge builder, flat buyers desperate

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A majority of nearly 2,000 buyers of houses and plots, looking forward to life in a classy residential plaza at 'Ozone Urbana' at Devanahalli find themselves in an unenviable situation now. Their earnings have been blocked for the last six years and there is no hope of houses being handed over to them in near future. The promoter has ignored multiple orders by the Karnataka-Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) to pay the compensation to the buyers.

The ambitious project by Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt Ltd, planned on 185 acres at Kannamangala village, was to house many individual residential complexes with multiple towers, some even going up to 26 floors and numbered A to Z. The cost of the flats in 2012 ranged from Rs 40 lakh for a 1BHK studio to Rs 1.2 crore for a 3BHK apartment.

President of Ozone Urbana Buyers' Welfare Association Errol Norohna told TNIE, "Apart from 1,800 apartments, we were promised a 5-star hotel, a 240-bed hospital and all modern amenities. Only 30% of the construction has been completed. Some houses which have been handed over do not have an Occupancy Certificate (OC) but at least 150 owners have chosen to stay in them."

Noronha, who also heads the Association for the Recovery of RERA orders, alleged, "Many orders issued by RERA either to an individual owner or group of owners collectively have been ignored. Ozone Group has big projects across India. They carry out some construction work and then move on elsewhere leaving the buyers stranded."

An army officer (name withheld on request) said, "This whole project now looks like a Ponzi Scheme. What really attracted us was the builder's promise that the pre-EMI amount for the loan taken by us would be paid by them until the house is completed and handed over. I bought my property in July 2015 and was supposed to get possession by July 2018. The deadline was extended to 2019. The builder later told us the pre-EMI cannot be paid by him any longer. My entire savings is gone."

The incomplete Ozone Urbana project at Devanahalli near Bengaluru

Another aggrieved home buyer Manohar CR said, "I was supposed to get my 2 BHK flat by August 2017. I have paid more than Rs 70 lakh. Despite K-RERA ordering the builder in August 2022 to refund my money along with 9% interest since I was not given possession within 60 days, nothing has been paid to me. It has now gone to the Recovery Cell of the Revenue Department."

Raju Sadhwani invested in two houses -- one in Pavillion and another in a senior retirement home, Irene. "RERA ordered a full refund of Rs 85 lakh for my house in Irene in January 2022 as there was no OC and registration done for it. I have not been compensated," he said.

Ozone Group MD Vasudevan Satyamurthy did not respond to multiple calls and messages.

# Need to renew, revitalise civil societies, says Guha

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NOTED historian Ramachandra Guha said there is a need to renew and revitalise civil societies in India, and a very active country-wide network of civil societies is needed. He was speaking after the release of the manifesto of Bapu Ke Log (People of Bapu Mahatma Gandhi) here on Sunday. Bapu Ke Log is a national organisation of Gandhians, working for the mitigation of climate crisis.

He said that civil societies will check the misuse of political power by the 'state', and on the other hand, check economic greed of the 'market'. Along with the need to revitalise civil societies, Guha also batted for emphasis on reorientation of science, transparency and political decentralisation.

Guha went on to say that the land, river and groundwater are polluted, and there is an environmental crisis independent of climate change, and in this context, Bapu Ke Log's manifesto is important. Commending the organisation, Guha said the manifesto is an important intervention in how we think of India today and tomorrow.

Well-known theatre director Prasanna said the manifesto intends to mitigate the effects of the present climate change crisis. One of the core ideas declared in the manifesto is the implementation of a 70-30 economy -- at least 70 per cent of human labour involved in the production of all goods and services. The manifesto said their programme stipulates that the overall loss of labour suffered because the introduction of automation should not be more than 30 per cent man-days.

"The old gods who represented labour-driven cultures and moral governance are replaced with new gods. Synthetic gods are fed. The notion of Ram Rajya is being upturned and being ensconced in monster temples," said Prasanna, adding Bapu Ke Log will grow bigger and re-establish faith and true Rama Rajya.

A participant at the state-level cartoon exhibition and workshop in Bengaluru on Sunday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

## *Cartoons highlight importance of voting*

Bengaluru: In view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Karnataka, organised a state-level cartoon exhibition and workshop on Sunday. The event aimed at creating awareness about the significance of voting. CEO Manoj Kumar Meena, who inaugurated the event at Vidhana Soudha East Gate, said everyone should exercise their franchise to elect good leaders. "Only if everyone takes part in the electoral process, we can elect good leaders. People should know that voting is both a right and a responsibility. Your vote will decide who is going to govern the country. Hence, it is the duty of every citizen to cast their vote without fail," he urged. Children, amateurs and cartoonists took part in the event. Select 25 cartoons drawn at the event will be used as campaign posters to spread awareness about voting. **ENS**

# JUSTICE SHIVARAJ PATIL RELEASES MEMOIR

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THE autobiography of Justice Shivaraj V Patil, former Supreme Court judge, was released on Sunday. The 400-page memoir titled 'Time Spent Distance Travelled' covers various phases of Patil's life in five broad chapters -- about his early years, legal career trajectory, productive retirement, family and memorable moments spent with peers, gurus and grandchildren. The book is also available in Kannada, titled 'Kaleda Kala Nadedha Doora'.

Justice Shivaraj V Patil and his wife being felicitated in Bengaluru on Sunday

Justice RF Nariman, former Supreme Court judge, recalled various instances with Justice Patil and his important judgments that helped shape several laws. Speaking about the basic structure that has been challenged today, he said that it is questionable.

"There are some explicit and implicit limitations of amendments and they cannot undermine the basic value of the constitutions written by our forefathers," Nariman added.

Justice Patil said his self-audit aims to share his acquired knowledge of the decades with the younger generation and motivate them.

"Hard work, honesty and humility will also be blessed by divinity. If I can do it, so can you," he said.

# 'Labour situation has improved now'

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LARSEN & Toubro Ltd got the contract for the Rs 859.67 crore corridor (25.01 km) from the project nodal agency -- the Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprises (K-RIDE). Responding to a written questionnaire from TNIE, K-RIDE said, "Total manpower excluding supervisors and engineers is 400-plus as on date."

Another source said, "The contractor faced an acute shortage of labour until Deepavali. It picked up pace after that and workers are returning in batches. Most jobs require barbenders and carpenters and we are stuck without them. The labour situation has improved now."

The monthly billing submitted for reimbursement by the contractor was only Rs 3.5 crore at one stage. "Can you imagine how much time it could take for a project costing up to Rs 800 crore to be completed at this pace," he posed.

K-RIDE said, "The average monthly expenditure billing we are receiving now is approximately Rs 6 crore."

Another source said, "K-RIDE is yet to hand over a huge portion of land to L&T as buildings have not yet been demolished. Many of the 280 buildings that had to be demolished could not be acquired. The alignment has been slightly changed leaving less space near the tracks and only 180 buildings are to be acquired now. In Banaswadi, 65 buildings have to be demolished, in Kanakanagara 85 and Lottaganahalli 95. Of the private land required, 2.9 acres are yet to be acquired near Kanakanagara and 2 acres near Lottagananahalli." They fall under the resettlement and rehabilitation package.

# Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**22ND January: The planets are creating a 'splash' today. The idea is that if you throw a pebble into a pond, then the ripples spread out in all directions, carrying fresh possibilities with them. So, we might see this as a perfect time to experiment with new options and ways of living.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Money is the key matter this week. Isn't it about time you put a little more energy into your financial affairs? If you don't, nobody can force you. In the meantime, is there any possibility that you can get your way at home? That's a matter of improving your diplomatic skills!

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Venus is still exerting its charm over regions of your chart with a particular significance for your family, and you'll be acutely sensitive to what other people think about you. Try not to be tooover-dependent on the approval of family members.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
People you don't know well may be in an unpredictable mood, and a stranger may try to pick an argument. Money is likely to be a cause of more disputes than emotional or professional matters. It's all part of the build-up to particularly lively times at the end of the week.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
Your energy is beginning to pick up, and after today you should find it easier to make up your mind about long-term matters. Yet you could be preparing to back-peddle in at least one emotional relationship. Come to think of it, perhaps that's not such a bad thing!

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
What a charmer you are. Life at work is improved when you exercise your creative talents. That means not just your artistic talents, but your people skills as well. If you can play partners and colleagues like a maestro playing an antique Stradivarius violin, then you'll do brilliantly.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The week's challenging planetary picture will produce circumstances which may be helpful but will also force you to deal with personal difficulties. If you're attempting to extricate yourself from a rather trying situation, you should be in luck.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Secret information could come in handy if you're sorting out emotional complications, some of which may not directly concern you. Relationships at home have been hard work, but should be easing up soon, especially if you come off the fence and make a firm commitment.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You're gripped by a passion and enthusiasm for your favourite activities, and work won't get a look in unless you happen to be employed in an area that is particularly personally satisfying. By the end of the week it will be clear that domestic dilemmas will consume still more of your time.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You'll probably be feeling pulled between your responsibilities to your family and other, professional, ambitions. There may even be some opposition to a career plan, but it's unlikely that this will affect your chances of success.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Travel difficulties will be swept aside as the planets extend a most beneficial alignment. In fact, you can be fully justified in looking forward to the future with abundant optimism and confidence. Best of all, life looks set to take a more prosperous course.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Long-distance travel is generally a good tonic when your spirits sink, but although your current planets are inducing a restless mood, it's more likely that you'll be sticking close to home. Family members, by the way, should do what they're told.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Do other people have it all their own way? Well, that's how it looks. But then, life is never quite as it seems. You may be in a much better position than you imagine, and it is very likely that, when the final tally is counted, you'll be ahead on points.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle ⬇

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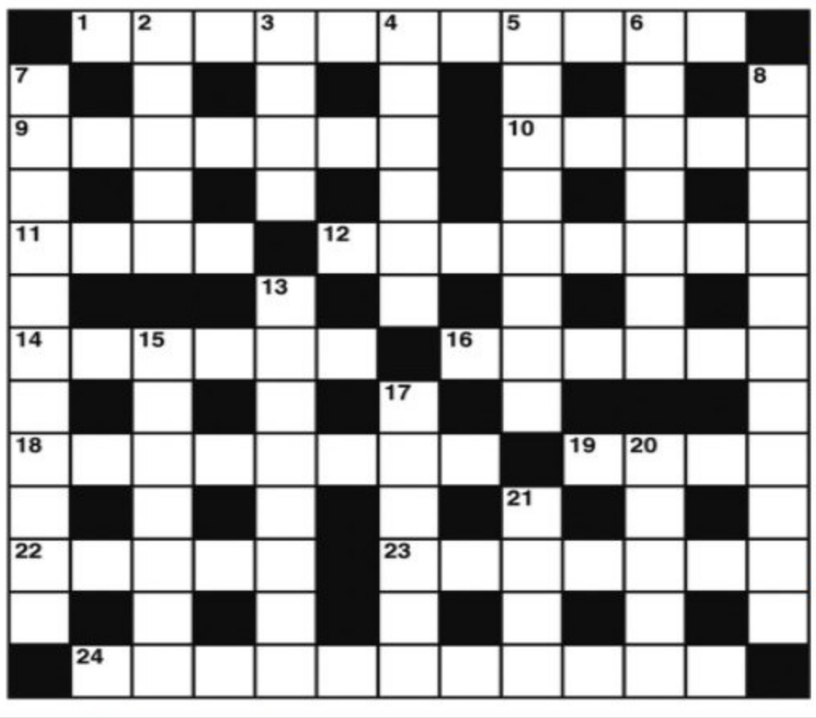
## SUDOKU EASY

**TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE**

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS**
1 Pretence at being in love? (11)
9 Excel getting gold in some sort of sports (7)
10 One may be attached to a dog because of it (5)
11 Charge for a ring (4)
12 Think it's deliberate (8)
14 He attacks the copper with acid (6)
16 Craft project (6)
18 A dangerous revolutionary (8)
19 In addition a number's coming to zero (4)
22 Precise demand (5)
23 Vessel not the same as a cutter (7)
24 Band that is an essential feature of the match (7,4)

**DOWN**
2 Can an obese man have such an attraction? (5)
3 His victims lose heart (4)
4 Note fresh trout surrounding another fish (6)
5 It may work wonders in Malta's new constitution (8)
6 Fellow supporting Judah's son continuously (2,3,2)
7 Dark glass shade (6,5)
8 Regulars in the services (11)
13 Felt dead bewildered and humiliated (8)
15 It's consumed expensively and out of avarice (7)
17 Find company in one churchman or another (6)
20 Nothing turning up in the border (5)
21 We hear there's equal support (4)

**SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Lessee, 4 Agnostic, 9 Scampi, 10 Ringside, 12 Take, 13 Chess, 14 Port, 17 Manoverboard, 20 Anthropology, 23 Avid, 24 Gadge, 25 Nash, 28 Proceeds, 29 Window, 30 Emotions, 31 Betray.

**Down:** 1 Lose time, 2 Spanking, 3 Espy, 5 Gainsborough, 6 Orgy, 7 Tailor, 8 Create, 11 Churchwarden, 15 Evens, 16 Groom, 18 Colander, 19 By the way, 21 Sample, 22 Kimono, 26 Yeti, 27 Time.

## JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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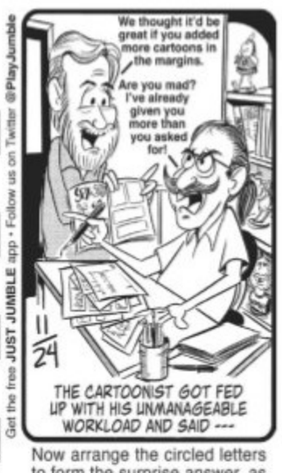
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Are you mad? I've already given you more than you asked for!
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THE CARTOONIST GOT FED UP WITH HIS UNMANAGEABLE WORKLOAD AND SAID ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Sauday's Jumbles: CLOTH VAULT FROSTY INTAKE
Answer: After eating so much turkey, stuffing, potatoes, etc., everyone was — VERY "THANK-FULL"

# Smart traffic mgmt, AI-driven signals in city soon

## Command centre to come up, 7,500 CCTVs to be installed; 10 drone cameras to monitor traffic in peak hours

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

IN the upcoming months, Bengaluru will make notable changes to traffic management, as traffic violations will be sent as QR codes for easy identification. As part of the Nirbhaya Fund's Safe City Project, the city is adopting advanced measures, including a command centre and 7,500 CCTV cameras in 3,000 key areas. As part of the project, manual signals will be replaced citywide, making room for a more efficient and technology-driven urban landscape, encompassing 50 safety islands and 158 viewing centres.

Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, MN Anucheth told TNIE that 'Adaptive Traffic Control Signals' (ATCS) are set to be implemented across 165 junctions in the city, which will operate through Artificial Intelligence (AI). The AI will autonomously determine traffic time, load and time intervals between multiple junctions for efficient traffic management throughout the city. The ATCS, which will be in operation in another eight months, has been planned to minimize waiting time, and achieve corridor-level traffic management.

As an integral part of the Safe City project, advanced technology will be employed to send traffic violations through QR codes. At present, violators must log in online and enter their vehicle number to access traffic violation information. However, within the next eight months, a detailed QR code will be sent, containing comprehensive violation information, the senior officer added.

To monitor traffic flow and enhance traffic management, city traffic police also introduced Actionable Intelligence for Sustainable Traffic Management (ASTraM). The intelligent traffic engine will offer comprehensive insights into road traffic conditions in the city. This will include features such as congestion alerts, incident reporting through a mobile application BOT, special event management, and dashboard analytics. The initiative also incorporates ambulance tracking systems to enhance coordinated ambulance movement across the city. With this, the control room will monitor registered ambulance routes, triggering alerts if stuck in traffic for over 120 seconds. The app will provide drivers with the shortest route and real-time traffic updates. Additionally, it features an SOS button for immediate intervention.

Furthermore, to monitor traffic during peak hours, 10 drone cameras are deployed citywide with the live feeds displayed on the Traffic Management Centre's video wall.

**ANTIQUE BEAUTY**

Vintage cars and motorcycles participate in 'Wheels to Vision Historic Vehicles Drive', to support the visually impaired and differently abled, in Bengaluru on Sunday. The Federation of Historic Vehicles of India organised the event | ALLEN EGENUSE J

EXPRESS READ

### Man makes reels with handgun, arrested

Bengaluru: The Central Crime Branch (CCB) police arrested a 26-year-old man, for making reels with a handgun and sharing them on social media platforms. The accused, Shashank had been posting reels and short videos with a handgun. Police sources stated that during the investigation, Shashank confessed that he had been creating content with weapons to instill fear and assert dominance over others. He admitted that he wanted to attain fame and widen his reach on social media. Sources also said that Shashank was linked to a murder case at Hulimavu police station in 2015 and another murder case at Bannerghatta police station in 2019.

### Auto driver assaults woman for cancelling ride

Bengaluru: The Bellandur police are on the lookout for an auto driver who assaulted a woman after she cancelled her ride. The woman, who had initially booked an auto to Whitefield, cancelled it upon arrival. Her act led to the driver allegedly dragging and assaulting. The incident came to light on Saturday night when the victim's friend took it to X platform to report it. Post the incident, the victim left for her hometown and refrained from filing a complaint, when the police contacted her. The Bellandur police contacted her friend and registered an FIR. The police is yet to arrest the auto driver.

### *State footballer Monish K killed in road accident*

Bengaluru: State-level football player Monish K (27), died in a road accident after a lorry rammed his two-wheeler near Ramamurthy Nagar flyover in the KR Puram traffic station limits on Saturday night. Monish, a resident of Babusapalya, was grievously injuried and was rushed to a private hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. He had played for various clubs including Parikrama FC, Deccan FC, Young Challengers FC and had received a coaching licence from All India Football Federation (AIFF)– D in 2019. Currently he had been playing for Bengaluru Eagles FC in the Bangalore District Football Association (BDFA). Chief Minister Siddaramaiah took to X platform and posted, "It is sad to hear the death of Monish K who was a promising football player of the state. He was seriously injured in an accident last night and was being treated at the hospital. I hoped he would recover, but now that belief is false. It is very sad that a young talent who was supposed to grow to greater heights in sports, met his end this way. May his soul rest in eternal peace."

# Disabled man held in fake notes case

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

A 60-year-old physically challenged man was arrested for allegedly cheating local shops and roadside vendors with fake Rs 500 currency notes and receiving legitimate change.

On Friday evening, the accused, Kodandamurthy of Bhadravathi, brought vegetables worth Rs 35 from a vendor in Rajarajeshwari Nagar with a fake Rs 500 note. After the accused left, the vendor realised that the note was fake, and registered a complaint.

A police officer said they suspect a bigger racket involving the accused to the production of counterfeit currency, along with dealers, retailers, suppliers and those involved in the exchange, all of whom are yet to be arrested.

Fake currency worth Rs 30,000, all in Rs 500 notes, has been confiscated from Kodandamurthy. The seized currency has been sent to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for verification to determine the percentage of their authenticity, the police officer added.

Investigations revealed that Kodandamurthy has multiple cases of burglary registered against him in various police stations in the city. The RR Nagar police registered a case and the accused is now in their custody for 10 days.

# KALPALLI ROAD A NIGHTMARE FOR MOTORISTS

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

AT least 10 massive craters dot the 2.5-km Kalpalli road in Sarvagnanagar Nagar, a crucial link road to Indira Nagar, Old Madras Road and Banaswadi. Motorists using this stretch are put to hardship because of the craters and potholes.

Secretary of Sarvagnanagar (Cox Town) Citizens Forum S Srinivasan told TNIE that they now feel helpless as their repeated pleas to MLA S Raghu and BBMP officials have gone in vain. Residents of the area recently stopped two trucks carrying construction debris and used it to fill the craters on the road. This stretch has been in a state of neglect for almost four years. Many vehicle-users, especially motorcyclists, have been injured in accidents. The reason for the neglect of this road is not known, Srinivasan said.

"The road also leads to the burial ground of Christians and the crematorium at Kalpalli. Even the last journey is not smooth because of the pathetic condition of this road," Srinivasan said. Rohit P, who uses Kalpalli road frequently, said, "Many women and senior citizens riding bikes and scooters lose balance and fall because of the craters and potholes. Many take this stretch to avoid traffic jams on other roads in the area," he said.

The BBMP engineer in-charge of the road could not be reached despite repeated phone calls.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **Manjunatha G** S/o Late. Govindaraj, Aged about 40 years R/at No.31/1, Sarala Nilaya Behind Jindal Factory Ground, Srikantapura, Anchepalya, Bengaluru-560073, and others have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **DODDANARASIMHAIAH, S/O NARASAPPA as he was died on 21/12/1999** at Isolation Quarters, Swami Vivekananda Road, Sarvagnanagar, Indiranagar, Bengaluru560038. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the Hon'ble XVI A.C.M.M. Court **on 27/02/2024 at 11-00 AM in C.Misc. No. 2713/2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR, COURT OF THE
XVI A.C.M.M BENGALURU
V. PUSHPALATHA, ADVOCATE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given by My client **M/s SOUTH INDIA AGENCIES,** A partnership firm constituted under the Indian Patnership Act, 1932, having its office at "Chandra Vihar Building" MRR Lane, Avenue Road, Bangalore-560002, Represented by its Signatory and Partner: **Mr. MUKESH PURSHOTHAMDAS** who is the Absolute owner of the Schedule Property Purchased from **(1) Mr. S.Venugopal Naidu, (2) Mr. Panduranga Rao, (3) Mr.Siva Sankara Rao Kankamedala, (4) Mr. Sandeep Pinnamaneni, (5) Mrs. Shilpa Pamidimukkala, (6) Mr. Srinivas Ravi, (7) Mrs. Kalayani Ravi,(8) Mr. V.S. Chandrashekar,** No 1 to 8 as listed above are represented herein by their General Power of Attorney Holder **BRIGADE ENTERPRISES LIMITED,** A company incorporated under the Companies Act of 1956 having registered office at 29th & 30th floor, World Trade Centre-Bangalore, Bangalore, Brigade Gateway Campus, No 26/1, Dr.Rajkumar Road, Malleswaram-Rajajinagara, BANGALORE-560055, Represented by its duly Authorised Signatories **(1) Mr. Subrata K C Sharma** Chief Operating Officer-Commercial, and **(2) Mr.Pravien Kar,** Senior General Manager Sales & Leasing have executed Sale deed in favour of above My Client Registered Document No HLS-1-01449-2019-20 stored in CD No HLSD288 Dated 19-06-2019 Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Ulsoor, Bangalore.

That the above My client wants to sell the Schedule property. Apart from the said owners if any other/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of Sale, Lease, Mortgage, Gift, Lien, Charge, Trust, Maintenance, Easement Pre-emption or otherwise, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s in writing (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publications of this notice, Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

**SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY**

All that office premises bearing **No B-0711** in **Seventh Floor** of East Tower/Tower 'B' in the building **'SIGNATURE TOWERS'** built in Schedule 'A' Property and forming part of development **'BRIGADE GOLDEN TRIANGLE'** and Unit measuring 2740.30 Sq. ft (254.58 Sq.Mtrs.) of Carpet Area and 1616.47 Sq ft., (150.17 Sq mtrs)., of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use and totally measuring **4360 sq.ft., (404.75 Sq.mtrs.,)** of super built-up area/saleable Area approximately along with right to use FOUR covered/stacked/mechanical Car Parking spaces in the Basement/Ground Level/MLCP and the Unit is presently bearing E-Khata No 150200401601221350 in the records of Mandur Village Panchayath and the Unit is bounded by: **EAST : Unit No B-0712 in Seventh Floor of East Tower/Tower "B" in "SIGNATURE TOWERS", WEST : Open towards open space in East Tower/Tower "B" in "SIGNATURE TOWERS", NORTH : Open towards Open Spaces in East Tower/Tower "B" in "SIGNATURE TOWERS", SOUTH : Common Corridor in Seventh Floor of East Tower/Tower "B" in "SIGNATURE TOWERS"**

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**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

The Authorised officer of **RBL Bank Ltd.** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notice** calling upon Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **RBL Bank Ltd.** has **taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules as per detail below:

| Sl. No. | Name and Loan Account Number of the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor | Amount Due (Rs.) | Details of the immovable property for which symbolic possession is taken | Date of symbolic possession |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **1) M/s. Sri Choodalingeshwara Transportation,** Rep. by its Prop. **Mr. Jagadish KM,** No.555, Samrugh Nilaya, I Floor, IV Cross, 9th Main Road, BHCS Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061 **(Borrower). 2) Mr. Jagadish KM (Co-Borrower & Mortgager),** No.555, Samrugh Nilaya, I Floor, IV Cross, 9th Main Road, BHCS Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061. **Also at:** No.1367, 9th F Cross, J.P.Nagar, I Phase, Bangalore-560078. **3) Mrs. Lakshmi (Co-Borrower),** No.555, Samrugh Nilaya, I Floor, IV Cross, 9th Main Road, BHCS Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061. | **Rs. 2,63,10,767.80 as on 02.11.2023** together with interest at contractual rate, (till complete payment) and incidental expenses thereon | All that part and parcel of property bearing Site No.1367, formed by BDA, situated at 9th "F" Cross, J.P.Nagar, Phase I, BBMP Ward No.57, PID No.57-57-1367, Sarakki I Phase, Bangalore, Now presently comes under the limits of BBMP and **Bounded on: East by:** Property bearing 1368, **West by:** Property bearing 1368, **North by:** Property bearing 1396, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West: 9.15 Meters & North to South: 16.62 Meters. Measuring East to West: 50 Feet, North to South: 37 Feet, in total measuring 1850 Sq.ft, together with 877 Sq.ft RCC residential House built therein. The property belongs to **Mr. Jagadish KM.** | **20.01.2024**<br>**Demand Notice date**<br>**08.11.2023** |

The Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **RBL Bank Ltd.**

**Place: Bangalore, Date: 22.01.2024** **Sd/- Authorised officer, RBL Bank Ltd.**

**SUNDARAM HOME** | **Regd Office:** No. 21, Pattulos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
**Corporate Office:** Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600014. Ph: 044-2851 5267
**Branch:** No. 775/A, 1st Floor, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya 9th "A" Main Road, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, (off 100 Feet Road), Bangalore – 560038.

**SALE NOTICE**

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **Sundaram Home Finance Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Section 13(2), issued a demand notice dated **01-06-2018** calling upon the Borrower and Co-Borrorwers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower and Co-Borrowers having failed to repay the amount within the statutory period, the Authorised Officer in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act in accordance with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had taken the possession of the property described herein below.

Public are hereby informed that the property more fully described in the table hereunder will be sold under Rule 8 & 9 of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" CONDITION,** without any recourse basis by inviting sealed Bids from the public up to 15.30 hrs on **04/03/2024**. Those who want to participate in the auction sale can forward their bids by RPAD along with KYC Documents addressed to the "Authorised officer", Sundaram Home Finance Ltd., No. 23, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034 in sealed covers superscribed as Offer for Sale of Assets A/c. **Mr. Arumugam R** to the undersigned on or before 15.30 Hrs. on **04/03/2024**. Bids received after 15.30 Hrs. on **04/03/2024** and thereafter will be rejected. The sealed Bids received by RPAD up to 15.30 Hrs. will be opened on **04/03/2024** at 16:00 hrs. at the place of auction mentioned hereunder. The successful bidder has to pay the balance amount within 15 days from the date of receipt of Sale confirmation. The sale shall be completed only on deposit of the Balance amount as stated above.

| Name and Address of the Borrower & Co-Borrower | Secured Debt (Rs.) | Reserve Price fixed for the Property | Place for Title Verification |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Mr. Arumugam R (Borrower),** No. 24, M S Building Mothinagar, Kalasipalayam, Bangalore - 560002. **Mr. Arumugam R (Employer), No 63, Gundappa Street, Bangalore-560002. Mr. Arumugam R (Property),** Flat No B-504, B Block, 5th Floor, Hoysala Corpus, Sy No 29 New No 29/5 Katha, Assesment No ½, Guttahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahally, Bangalore-562110 **Mrs. Nagarathna A (Co-Borrower),** No 24, M S Building, Mothinagar, Kalasipalayam, Bangalore - 560002 | **Rs. 67,38,906/-** (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Six Only) as on 22.01.2024 Including Future Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal Expenses + Incidental Charges. | **Rs. 10,00,000/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs only)<br>**Earnest Money Deposit**<br>25% of the Bid Amount | **Sundaram Home Finance Limited,** No. 775/A, 1st Floor, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya 9th "A" Main Road, 1st Stage Indiranagar, (off 100 Feet Road), Bangalore – 560038<br>**Place for Opening of Bid**<br>**M/s. Sundaram Home Finance Limited,** 23, Cathedral Garden Road, 2nd Floor, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034.<br>**Date of opening the Bid**<br>**04.03.2024 @ 16:00 Hrs** |

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Old Sy.No.29, New Sy.No.29/5, Measuring 1Acre 1 Gunta, comprising 44,649 Sq.ft., having Katha Assessment No.1/2, situated at Guttahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. **Bounded on the:** North By: Remaining Land in the same Survey Number, South By: Nandi-Devanahalli Road, East By: Devanahalli Cikkaballapur Road, West By: Remaining land in the same Survey Number.

**SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY :** 2.265% undivided share in the schedule 'A' property equivalent to 437.14 Sq.ft., along with residential Flat bearing No.B-504 (B-Block) situated on the Fifth Floor of teh building known as "HOYSALA CORPUS" measuring super Built-up Area of 1260 Sq.ft. Within the Registration District of Bangalore North. Which is more fully and particularly described in the Title Deed No. 5202/2013.

**Note: The Intending Purchasers are requested to verify the Title documents, inspect the property, and participate In the Auction after satisfying about the Title, Nature and condition of the property. Refund will not be given after Sale Confirmation, in case If there arises any dispute regarding the Title or Nature of the property.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale of Property of Mr. ARUMUGAM R Loan Account No. 80008415, please refer to www.sundaramhome.in/uploads/files/sale_notice/80008415.pdf

Contact Person: Mr. Kuttappa S M – 97415 50450

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Noted historian Ramachandra Guha said there is a need to renew and revitalise civil societies in India, and a very active country-wide network of civil societies is needed

# BEYOND THE RAM-HANUMAN CONNECTION

**Districts across Karnataka share a deep connect with various aspects of Lord Ram's journey and the Ramayana**

PIC: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

TEAM TNIE

ANJANADRI Hills of Karnataka might be around 2000km away from Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. However, the two places have a close and strong connection that completes Ramayana, the epic that tells the life journey of Lord Ram, the seventh avatar (incarnation) of Lord Vishnu.

Right from Treta Yuga till now, Karnataka has been strongly associated with Lord Ram and the Ramayana. Be it the Vanaras who helped Ram find Sita, or the black rock and idol of Ram Lalla the entire world is looking at, all have a Karnataka connect.

As the Ram Mandir consecration takes off, The New Indian Express gives a glimpse of Ram, Ayodhya's Shriram Mandir and related stories that have a connection here.

## ANJANADRI

It is believed that Ram, while searching for Sita, met Vanaras king Sugriva here. Most importantly, it is here that Ram found his greatest devotee Hanuman – at Anjanadri betta, the birthplace of Anjaneya (son of Anjanadevi). Koppal district has a deep connection with Ayodhya and Ramayana. During the reign of the Vijayanagar kingdom, a Ram mandir was built in Koppal district and the village was named Ayodhya. Now, the village is divided into New Ayodhya and Old Ayodhya. Kishkinda Hanumad Janma Bhumi Teerthkshetra Trust chief seer Govindananda Saraswathi had earlier stated that a Hanuman mandir stone foundation will be laid on the day of Ram Mandir pran pratishtha below Anjanadri hill.

## MADIKERI

Rameshwara Temple located in Kurchi village, near Iruppu Falls, is believed to be the place where Ram and Sita stayed during vanavasa, and during their stay, Sita wished to worship Lord Shiva, for which Rama summoned Hanuman to get the 'Shiva linga' from Kashi, narrated Narayan Swamy, the chief priest of Rameshwara Temple. As Hanuman did not turn up till noon, Sita is said to have made a Shiva linga out of sand and installed it at what is now Rameshwara Temple. When she required water for her puja, Lakshman shot an arrow into a mountain and a water stream took birth, which is now called Lakshmana Theertha.

Later, Hanuman came from Kashi and was disappointed. Lord Ram is said to have walked three footsteps east of the spot where Sita installed the Shiva linga, and installed the Shiva linga brought from Kashi. "Even today, it is believed that the Shiva linga worshipped at Rameshwara Temple in Iruppu and Shiva linga worshipped at Permad (three miles from Iruppu) are idols installed by Sita and Lord Ram respectively," shared Kallichanda Vishnu, president of the Federation of Kodava Samaja.

## UDUPI

Late Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swami of Sri Pejavar Mutt, Udupi, who passed away in December 2019, was at the forefront of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement. In a book titled 'Pejavara Prashasthi', the life and achievements of Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swami of Sri Pejavar Mutt, Udupi, the pontiff has given a first-person account of the Ayodhya movement and Udupi's connection with the movement. He stated in a section titled 'Ram Janmabhoomi' in the book, that at the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's Dharma Sansad held in Udupi in 1985 (his third Paryaya term), a resolution was passed for 'Tala Khol' -- a clarion call to open the Ram Janmabhoomi temple site, which stressed the significance of building a Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

The seer, who was the trustee of the Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Trust, also mentioned that then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi and then Uttar Pradesh chief minister ND Tiwari came under pressure through this event in Udupi, to permit the laying of the foundation for Ram Mandir. After the seer's demise, his disciple Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha, the current pontiff of Sri Pejavar Mutt, Udupi, is a trustee of Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, and has taken up several responsibilities for the construction of Ram Mandir, by visiting the temple site many a time and overseeing developments there.

BIG PICTURE

## KALABURAGI

According to an inscription found at Narona village of Aland taluk in Kalaburagi, the original name of Narona was 'Na-Ravana' which later became Narona. It is said that Ravan's spirit haunted Ram when he was returning to Ayodhya after killing Ravan, who was considered a 'Maha Brahmana' and a great devotee of Lord Shiva. To get rid of it, he started visiting Teerthakshetras (holy places). Ram came to a place (called Kshetrapala before his visit) and rested for some time. He then told his brother Lakshman that the place was not haunted by Ravan. That is how the place got its name Na-Ravana, and later became Narona.

## BAGALKOTE

As per the locals, a small hamlet known as Sitamani in Bagalkote has some ancient relics and structures, reportedly of the Ramayana era. People here believed that Sita and her children, Luv and Kush, lived here for some time. According to legend, it is the place where Maharishi Valmiki had given shelter to Sita in his ashram, and she delivered her twin sons. To corroborate this claim, the hillock where these structures are located, have small rooms and an open well. The room is claimed to have been used by Sita to deliver her children, and the open well is named after Luv and Kush. Interestingly, the well never goes dry even in harsh summers.

## MYSURU

The five year-old Ram Lalla idol which is set to be installed at the Ayodhya Ram temple on Monday, has become the cynosure of all eyes. Arun Yogiraj is the renowned sculptor from Mysuru who sculpted the idol, which is set to create history. Yogiraj was among the three shortlisted sculptors who were asked to carve the idol of Ram Lalla. They had camped in Ayodhya for this purpose, and stayed away from their families for six months. The idol was meticulously sculpted by Yogiraj, using Krishna Shila stone sourced from Mysuru. The rock was taken from an active quarry in Gujjegowdanapura near Mysuru. It has been found that the rock used is the oldest rock from South India.

## BELAGAVI

The Shabari Kolla located in Sureban village of Ramdurg taluk in Belagavi district has a connection with Shri Ram's greatest devotee, Shabari. Basappa Madakatti, archak of Shabari Kolla, said that every day, Shabari would roam in the woods and collect berries as offering to Lord Ram, as she expected him to approach her ashram at any moment. She would taste each berry, and put the sweet berries in a basket. After Ram and Lakshman reached her ashram, Shabari offered the berries. Noting that the berries had been tasted, Lakshman stopped Ram from eating them. But Ram said it was the devotion of Shabari which made the berries more delicious than anything in the world.

## SHIVAMOGGA

A statue sculpted by Vipin Bhadauria was one among the three statues that made it to the shortlist, before the authorities finalised Mysuru-based sculptor Arun Yogiraj's idol for the sanctum sanctorum. Vipin said the statue measures 90 inches, and weighs around 1.5 tonnes. The size and measurements were fixed earlier, and the statue was carved accordingly. He used Krishna shila from HD Kote, provided by the temple trust. The stone underwent thorough inspection and testing by scientists.

## MANGALURU

Sita Bavi (Sita's well), a 45-ft square shaped deep well near Kadri Yogishwar Mutt or Jogi Mutt in Mangaluru, beckons devotees visiting the historical mutt. A few yards away is a stone platform on which a simple sanctorum is situated, with Sita's idol in it. Legend has it that Seetha used to draw water from this well and offer abhisheka to Lord Shiva, and meditate near the sanctorum. According to another legend, the well took birth after Sita's tears fell on the place when Ravan was taking her in the Pushpaka Vimana after abduction.

*(With inputs from Raghottam Koppar/Koppal, Prajna GR/Madikeri, Prakash Samaga/Udupi, Ramakrishna Badsheshi/Kalaburagi, Firoz Rozindar/Bagalkote, Vincent D'Souza/Mangaluru, Karthik KK/Mysuru, Tushar A Majukar/Belagavi, Arpitha I/Shivamogga and Ashwini M Sripad/Bengaluru)*

### BJP'S #NANNARAMA CAMPAIGN DOES THE ROUNDS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Bengaluru: With all eyes on the consecration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya on Monday, the BJP has launched an online campaign — #NannaRama (My Rama) — to galvanise party workers and others. A day before the Prana Prathistapana, State BJP President BY Vijayendra on Sunday kickstarted the campaign by posting a video clip of him singing a 'bhajan'. Vijayendra also tagged a few BJP leaders, who also followed his que. BJP National Youth President and BJP MP (Bengaluru South) Tejaswi Surya and Rajya Sabha MP Jageesh posted videos of them singing 'bhajans'. Union Minister Bhagwanth Khuba spoke about Lord Ram and Kannada actor Ganesh chanted a shloka. Singer Vijaprakash of 'Jai Ho' fame chanted a mantra from the Rama Raksha Stotra. Several netizens also joined in singing or chanting shlokas and sharing it on social media. Meanwhile, Karnataka BJP leaders will take part in special Ram pujas at various Ram and Hanuman temples across the state. While Vijayendra will participate in a Ramataraka Mahayajna at Mahalakshmi Layout, former CM B S Yediyurappa will offer puja at Anjaneya temple in Banasawadi, Leader of Opposition R Ashoka at Maruthi temple in Vijayanagar, Bengaluru, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi in Hubbali and other leaders in various temples. **ENS**

JDS patriarch and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, his wife Channamma, their son and party state president HD Kumaraswamy and grandson Nikhil Kumaraswamy take a special flight on Sunday to attend the consecration of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya on Monday | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

# BJP leaders lambast 'no holiday' decision

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday clarified that there will be no holiday for state government employees for the Ram Temple Prana Pratishta at Ayodhya on Monday.

Reacting to the government's decision not to declare a holiday, BJP leaders evoked strong religious and communal sentiments. Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka criticised the two, saying their decision is akin to Duryodhana's.

He said, "I don't know how the government can come up with this idea of not declaring a holiday. It is like Duryodhana's decision."

Kodagu-Mysuru MP Pratap Simha said, "This is not a decision of a Ram bhakt, it is a decision of Rahim bhakt."

BJP General Secretary Ravi Kumar said, "This government has not considered the fact that Hindus would be offended. They are not giving the due honour and respect to this important event. Even some Muslims are offering prayers tomorrow."

DK Shivakumar said, "We have been practising our traditions and rituals for a long time. We don't need to learn from others about religion and devotion. We don't use religion for publicity. We believe that prayers yield results and have ordered special poojas at all temples under the Muzrai Department even before anyone asked for it. There is Rama in Siddaramaiah's name and Shiva in my name. There should be dharma in politics, but not politics in dharma."

Political analyst BS Murthy said, "It appears to be more of a BJP-Sangh Parivar programme than a regular religious event. They have been selective in extending the invitation, while leaving out the Karnataka chief minister and President Draupadi Murmu. BJP's newfound allies like JDS leaders have received the invite. If they wanted everyone to participate, the Union government could have declared a national holiday."

# Poverty, fine did not stop quarry contractor from giving best rock for Ram Lalla statue

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

POVERTY or fine did not stop 30-year-old local quarry contractor **Srinivas** from giving the best stop blocks to carve the Ram Lalla idol that will be consecrated at Ayodhya on Monday.

Srinivas, a resident of Gujjegowdanapura village in Mysuru taluk, is a man of the moment with fellowmen greeting him for meeting the requirement of the Ayodhya temple committee. From the stone quarried by Srinivas, Mysuru sculptor Yogiraj created the Ramlalla statue that will sit in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple. The quarry contractor was penalised Rs 80,000 for not taking valid permission to excavate the rock by using earth-movers. He did not disclose to the authorities that the stone was being used for the Ramlalla statue. "I pledged my wife's jewellery on the day of Varamahalakshmi festival and paid the fine in three instalments for not possessing a valid licence. Though my father Natraj had a licence, it was not transferred or renewed after his demise," he said.

"When my guru Surendra Vishwakama visited the spot and finalised the slab, I was on cloud nine. I borrowed Rs 2 lakh more to pay labourers and pressed them to cut the stone into slabs and transport them to Ayodhya without any expectation," he said.

"Our family has given the best stone to thousands of temples to make idols for the last one year. God gave us an opportunity to do His seva by giving the sculptor the best stone," he added.

"Debts I accumulated in this holy task might have slowed down the construction of my house, but the project has given me the blessings of Lord Rama. It took months to carry out the work as it was difficult to mobilise resources," he confessed.

Clarifying that he has not charged or sought the bill amount from Surendra Vishwakarma, Srinivas said Maniah Badigar paid him Rs 1 lakh, but he has not sought money from those who selected the stone and placed the order.

Kannada activist Arvind Sharma said it is unfortunate that the Mines and Geology Department imposed a fine when the central government is supporting the building of Ram temple and statue at Ayodhya. He said the government, through the Mysuru Urban Development Authority, should allot a site each to land owner Ramdas and quarry contractor Srinivas.

# NO NEED FOR QUOTA AMENDMENT: KARJOL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

The government's recommendation to amend Article 341 of the Constitution for inclusion in the cabinet meeting on Saturday is a great injustice to the untouchable Dalit community, said former minister Govind Karjol.

"Justice Arun Kumar Mishra of the Supreme Court had passed an order in 2020 itself, saying there was no need to amend the Constitution. The BJP government headed by CM Basavaraj Bommai passed an order in 2023, increasing reservation of SC and ST communities according to the population, and increasing SC reservation from 15 per cent to 17 per cent, and ST reservation from 3 per cent to 7 per cent on November 1, 2022, and since then, the order to increase reservation in the state has come into effect," Karjol said.

He recalled that the Bommai government had carried out internal reservation -- 6% to Madiga, 5.5% to Chalavadi, 4.5% to Lambani, Bovi, Korama, Koracha, 1% to SC nomadic communities and 17% reservation for SCs.

# BSY hails CM for declaring Basavanna a cultural icon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tumakuru

BJP leader and former CM BS Yediyurappa lauded Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for declaring 12th century social reformer Basavanna as the cultural leader of Karnataka.

The two leaders came together after a long time sharing the dais at a public function to commemorate the fifth death anniversary of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji at Siddaganga Mutt on Sunday.

"I congratulate the CM for declaring Basavanna as Karnataka's cultural leader," Yediyurappa said. He, however, advised Siddaramaiah and his cabinet colleagues not to appease a particular community, but distribute government grants equally to all communities.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and BJP leader BS Yediyurappa share the dais during a programme to mark the death anniversary of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji at Siddaganga Mutt in Tumakuru on Sunday

"No religion probably faced so much attacks from outsiders like the Hindus. I congratulate religious heads for keeping the essence of Hindu religion which is non-violence.," he said.

After inaugurating the 'smritivana', Siddaramaiah said the Constitution is like the religious scripture of the country. Highlighting the contributions of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, the CM said he will write to the Centre demanding that Bharat Ratna be conferred on the swamiji. "Shivakumara Swamiji strove throughout his life to bring about a revolutionary change in society through 'Akshara' culture to educate the masses. Therefore, the work, his concern and his actions will remain forever in this soil," he said.

EXPRESS READ

### BJP-JDS combine eyes bypoll win to kickstart Lok Sabha campaign

Bengaluru: During a preliminary meeting held at former CM B S Yediyurappa's residence on Sunday, the BJP-JDS alliance resolved to kickstart their Lok Sabha campaign by winning the Bengaluru Teachers' council seat in the bypolls to be held on February 16. The leaders of both parties decided to field A P Ranganatha, general secretary of JDS, as the alliance candidate for the seat. "The bypoll result should send a message that the alliance is ready to win 28 LS seats in Karnataka to strengthen the hands of PM Narendra Modi," JDS State President HD Kumaraswamy told reporters. **ENS**

As part of the ongoing Khelo India Youth Games, Gatka matches are held in Madurai, and the athletes alleged that there is a shortage of food at the event venue. District Collector MS Sangeetha asked officials to make proper arrangements for players

## TN counters Nirmala, says no ban on puja telecast

**ENS** @ Chennai

A verbal spat ensued between DMK and BJP on social media over the Ram temple consecration on Sunday.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman posted on 'X' a newspaper clip, saying that TN government has banned special puja and 'annadaanam' on the consecration day, and has banned watching live telecast of Ayodhya Ram Mandir of January 22.

Minister for HR&CE PK Sekarbabu was swift to counter: "The department hasn't imposed any limitations on devotees' freedom to offer food, conduct pujas in the name of Shri Ram, or provide 'prasadam' in Tamil Nadu temples. It is unfortunate that people in office, like Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and others, are purposefully propagating this erroneous information," he wrote.

The state government issued a clarification that the news is an attempt to create disgrace to the government and the act of publishing fake news is highly reprehensible. Legal action will be taken against the newspaper that published fake news, they said.

# TN didn't vote for Modi earlier, won't now too: Stalin

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Coimbatore

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Sunday said the people of Tamil Nadu will offer Prime Minister Modi electoral defeat as prize for the third time.

"People of Tamil Nadu did not vote for Modi for the first two times. This time, too, the people of Tamil Nadu will not vote for him," Stalin said. "What these people think is it is enough to say Thirukkural, to celebrate Pongal, and build a temple in Ayodhya to get votes from TN. They have not understood us yet," the CM said.

Addressing the state-level second youth wing conference of the DMK in Salem on Sunday, Stalin said Modi has been trying to abolish states' rights ever since he became the PM. "The Union BJP government enacts laws even on matters that are under the state list," he said.

"There is no consultation with the state governments on any legislation. The new education policy, NEET and GST have completely taken away the education and financial powers of the states. They have turned states into ATMs that give money to the Union government. After the recent natural calamity, we sought Rs 37,000 crore. The Prime Minister came, he said he would give it; the finance minister came, she said she he would give it; then defence minister came, and assured the same. But till now not a single penny has come," the CM said.

"Being in power in the Union, what are they doing? Breaking up parties, pulling MLAs, and trying to run governments through governors. The BJP does not need anyone else to destroy it, governors are enough. They will get the job done," the Chief Minister said.

The government that will be established by the I.N.D.I.A alliance will not be a single-party government. It will not be a dictatorial government. It will be a federal government, he said.

'Federalism at the centre and autonomy for states' is the slogan taught to us by our leader M Karunanidhi. That slogan will become the slogan of India after our victory in the upcoming parliamentary election.

The coalition government of I.N.D.I.A will focus on trying to create a better constitution that will ensure states' rights.," he said.

## Lakkundi's connect with Ramayana

**RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR** @ Gadag

IF one goes by the sculptures depicting rare events from the epic Ramayana, Lakkundi village seems to have a strong connection with Lord Ram. The village is home to some sculptures from Ramayana like Hanuman carrying three hills and Ravana fighting with an elephant.

History buffs have been demanding a detailed research on these sculptures to trace their origin. Lakkundi is a hub of historical temples and is located 12 km from Gadag town. It is believed that the village once had 101 temples and 101 lakes, but now only a few are left now.

A sculpture at Lakkundi Kashi Vishveshwara temple depicts Hanuman carrying hills | EXPRESS

Some historians say that Lord Ram gave Lakkundi village to pundits and scholars during his Vanavasa and it is mentioned in Srimad Lokkigundi inscription.

The sculpture depicting Hanuman carrying three hillocks is rare as in many other places Hanuman is depicted as carrying a single hillock. Hence there is a demand for more research.

According to retired ASI officer V S Hosamani, as per Sri Ram Datti Maha Agrahar and Srimad Lokkigundi inscription, Dasharath's son Ram had given this village to pundits and scholars and this was once a big Agrahara where Brahmins lived in more numbers and many pundits used to make japa and tapassu in the village.

**EXPRESS READ**

### TTD chairman at Ayodhya

Vijayawada: The TTD Trust Board Chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy has reached the Ram Mandir at Ayodhya on Sunday. He will be participating in the Pran Pratistha Mahotsav of Sri Ram Lalla, at Ayodhya, on January 22. He also handed over the 1 lakh laddus prepoared by the Tirumala Srivari Temple, specially for this occassion, to the of Ram Mandir Trust. These laddus will be distributed among devotees participating in the ceremony today. He visited the Ram Temple and took part in the special pujas that are being held for the occasion.

**HOLY MOMENT**

Special 'havan' being performed at Anjanandri Hill, the birthplace of Lord Hanuman, near Hampi on Sunday, ahead of the consecration of Ram Temple| PTI

## Jagan, Naidu neglected AP for 10 years, says Sharmila

**S GURU SRIKANTH** @ Vijayawada

IN a no-holds barred attack, Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee chief YS Sharmila lashed out at her brother and Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu for pushing the State into a debt trap.

In her first address to the party cadre after formally assuming charge as the president of the State Congress unit in Vijayawada on Sunday, she accused the previous TDP government and the ruling YSRC of borrowing endlessly and burdening the people of Andhra Pradesh with a debt of Rs 10 lakh crore. "One cannot find development in the State even if they look for it with a magnifying glass," Sharmila quipped.

Mocking Jagan's tall claims of ensuring welfare for the people, she said the present government does not even have money to pave good roads and pay salaries to government employees on time.

"In the last 10 years, not even 10 big industries have come up in the State to provide jobs. Meanwhile, the State has recorded a 100% rise in attacks on Dalits, while the present administration is focused on sand, liquor and, mining mafia," she alleged.

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**IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 37th ACMM COURT AT BANGALORE**

**C.MISC No. 5496/ 2023**

**BETWEEN: Manuel jayapaul** and others ...Petitioner -V/s-

**The Registrar of Birth and Death,** BBMP, Bengaluru ...Respondent

**SUMMONS / NOTICE TO RESPONDENT**

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed the petition seeking for issuance of the death certificate of Mrs. Theresa Manuel W/o Late Maria Arul Swamy who had expired on 08/11/2015 at Door No. 6, Murugesh Mudaliar Road Pulakeshingar, Bangalore - 560005 and body was cremated at Kalpahalli Burial ground, Bangalore, the said case in Crl.Misc 5496/2023 is pending before the Hon'ble 37th ACMM Court at Bangalore. Public in general having any objection to the said petition are hereby summoned to appear before this Honorable Court in person or through Pleader/Advocate on **29/02/2024 at 11 A.M.** failing which Court shall proceed further with the petition as prayed and the above matter will be disposed on merits.

Given under my hand and seal on this 16.01.2024 at Bengaluru

By order of the court, Sheristedar, XXXVII Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bengaluru City.

Advocate for Plaintiff: **S. RAJ PRABHU**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform that my client, Mr. Jayaprasad A.S., intends to purchase the below described Schedule Property from its present owner Mr. C.B. Chengappa.

If anybody has any objection/s, claim, interest, for the above-mentioned sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with document proof substantiating his/her/their objections/ claims/details of dispute/s within a period of **10 (ten) days** from the date of this publication. Failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third-party claims/ objections/ disputes.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and part of Plot No. 343 situated at 13th Cross, 3rd Main, Kirloskar Layout 5th Stage, (formed by Kirloskar Electric Company Employee's Co-operative Housing Society Limited), Bangalore North Taluk, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Sidedahalli Village's survey no. 13, having khata no/PID No. 343, situated in BBMP ward no. 14 – Bagalagunte, with boundaries as below:

East by : Site no. 344 ;
West by : Site no. 342 ;
North by : Road ;
South by : Site no. 350.

**SHIVABHUSHAN S HATTI**, Advocate, No. 67, Serpentine Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru – 560020. Ph: 9986936553. Email: shivahatti@gmail.com

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**BEFORE THE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL AT BENGALURU**

**MVC No. 4743/2019**

**BETWEEN: T.N. Ramakrishna** and others ... **CLAIMANTS**

**AND: The New India Assurance Co., Ltd.,** and others ... **RESPONDENTS**

**SUMMONS TO PROPOSED RESPONDENT No.4**

**4. R. Kumar,** Proprietor R.K. Constructions, No.7/1, 1st Main, Yerraianapalya Extension, Madikere Nayak Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016.

WHEREAS the above named Petitioner has filed the above case against you and another for compensation INR 50,00,000 for the death sustained in the Road Traffic Accident caused by your vibrator roller double drum, bearing Reg No.TN-33-0001 Chassis No. 223490230126, on 12/08/2018 at about 8:30 P.M. The 1st Petitioner was proceeding from Pulakuntapalli Village, Kottakote Village, on the bike Hero Passion Pro bearing Reg No. KA-04-HV-8614 and suddenly a dog came in front of the vehicle near Naagirreddy Garapalli Villager's house and hit to your vehicle, which was parked road side, Resulting Death.

You are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court MACT (SCCH-7) on **02/02/2024** either in person or through Advocate to answer the claim. If you failed to appear before the Court on the said day, either in person or through Advocate you will be placed ex-parte and case will be disposed off in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 05/01/2024

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

**ABHILASH RAJU .V,** Advocate No.209, Swiss Complex, 33, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001. Mob: 99860 76754.

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**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:903/SEE/TR(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-3&4/23-24/CYS-50 Date:19.01.2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION** (Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites Tender from this office for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works of TL & SS Division Hubballi, Haveri, Gadag & Sirsi as call-1 at 110KV Sub-Stations Sirsi, call-2 at Hebbali, Ramanakoppa, Akshy Colony, Rattihalli, Hirekerur, Hosahonnatti, Tiluvalli, Aremallapur, Ganesh gudi, Ankola, Ambewadi, Haliyal, Kumta and call-3 at 110KV Sub-Stations Mundargi, Betageri.

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the KPP Portal can be obtained by logging on to website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **22.01.2024.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidhyuth Nagar, Karavara Road, Hubballi-580024**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: **(i)Sri.MADHAV A JOSHI** S/o late A.M.Joshi, **(ii)Smt.ANAGHA JOSHI A** W/o Sri.T.R.Guruprasad, **(iii)Smt.VIJAYA P JOSHI** W/o late Pritham A Joshi and **(iv)Sri.GOVIND P JOSHI** S/o late Pritham A Joshi.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.7, PID No.50-9-7, measuring East to West 29ft 3 inches and North to South 29ft 6 inches, together with a building thereon, situated at Krishna Rao Scindiya Road, V.V.Puram, Bangalore and bounded on:

East By : Conservancy
West By : Common passage
North By : House/property bearing No.6
South By : House/property bearing No.8

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
**GOUTAM ASSOCIATES**
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

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**DEUTSCHE BANK AG**

**Appendix IV [Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Deutsche Bank AG**, India ("Bank") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **15/11/2023** calling upon the borrower **M/s. Quepreon Biologicals Pvt Ltd, Mr. Shivaraj D and Mrs. Shashikala J ("Borrower")** to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 7,99,92,643.14 (Rupees Seven Crore Ninety Nine Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Three and Fourteen paise only)**, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said act on this **17th day of January of the year 2024**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount of **Rs. 7,99,92,643.14 (Rupees Seven Crore Ninety Nine Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Three and Fourteen paise only)** and interest thereon.

**Description of the Immovable Property**

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY (As Per Gift Deed Dated 12-04-2016)**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising of land with residential building thereon bearing Corporation No. 15, in the Layout formed by the Metropolitan Co-operative Housing Society Ltd. in Sector IV off Hosur Sarjapur Road Layout measuring East to West (14.28+14.83) / 2 sq.mts; and North to South 28.50 sq.mtrs. In all measuring 414.81 sq.mts., and is **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No. 16, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No. 22.

**Date:** 22.01.2024 **Dhaneshwar Koganur**
**Place:** Bengaluru **Authorized Officer Deutsche Bank AG**

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**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 962/Gadag/EE(E)//2023-24/6538 Date:19.01.2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

KPTCL invites following Office tenders pertaining to Transmission Lines and Sub-Stations Division, Gadag: **(1)** Supplying of Maintenance Material at 400KV S/s Doni. **(2)** Regarding General Service, topping –Up of refrigerant, Repair of Copper Condenser Coil and Compressors of Air Condition units in 400KV side Kiosk rooms at 400KV S/s Doni. **(3)** Repair of CCTV Camera at 400KV S/s Doni. **(4)** Supplying of Numerical Relay at 110KV S/s Naregal. **(5)** Supplying of 96KV Lightning Arrestor at 110KV S/s Bellatti. Enquiry Details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned **from 22.01.2024 at 10:00 Hrs onwards.** Due date: **05.02.2024 at 4:00 pm.**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele), TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Bapuji Nagar, Gadag. Ph:08372-234350**

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**SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**

Registered Office: Sri Towers,Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai -600 032. Website: www.shriramfinance.in

**DEMAND NOTICE**

**We, M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (formerly known as "Shriram City Union Finance Limited"** amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance limited and converted as **Shriram Transport Finance Limited** as per the orders of NCLT Bench-II Chennai dated 09.11.2022) and thereafter obtained the approval to rename as **Shriram Finance Ltd** (Ministry of Corporate Finance letter dated 30.11.2022), is a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors / mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD**. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD**. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below **under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act,** 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NAME OF THE BORROWER (S)/ Co-Borrower (S)/ Guarantors :

1) **SUDANAGUNTA SAI BHARADWAJA,** S/o. Panduranga Rao, R/O D.No. 8-114/B, Throvagunta, Near Mahalakshmi Cold Storage,Ongole, Prakasam District.
2) **SUDANAGUNTA SAILAJA KUMARI,** W/o. Panduranga Rao, R/O D.No. 8-114/B, Throvagunta, Near Mahalakshmi Cold Storage,Ongole, Prakasam District.
3) **SUDANAGUNTA SAI ASWANI DATHATHRIYA ,** S/o. Panduranga Rao, R/O D.No. 8-114/B, Throvagunta, Near Mahalakshmi Cold Storage,Ongole, Prakasam District.
4) **PAMULAPATI ANURADHA,** W/o. Srinivasa Rao, D No. 206, 1st D Cross, 3rd Block, Beside Jyothi School, Banglore, Karnataka State.
5) **BAYAPANENI VENKATESWARLU,** S/o. Venkata Subbaiah, R/O D.No.11-61, Venkateswara Puram, Bommireddipalle, Kanigiri Mandal.

**LOAN Ac. No: ONGL2TF2010180001**

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| NPA DATE | 08.01.2023 |
| DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE | 21.12.2023 |
| OUTSTANDING AMOUNT | Rs. 23,03,117/- (Twenty Three Lakhs Three Thousand One Hundred And Seventeen Rupees only) |
| LOAN AMOUNT | Rs. 20,00,000/- |

**PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS:** Property under document No: **6962/2020** in the names of **SUDANAGUNTA SAI BHARADWAJA, S/O PANDURANGA RAO, SUDANAGUNTA SAILAJA KUMARI, W/O PANDURANGA RAO, SUDANAGUNTA SAI ASWANI DATHATHRIYA, S/O PANDURANGA RAO, PAMULAPATI ANURADHA, W/O SRINIVASA RAO.**

Prakasam District , Ongole Sub District, Ongole Mandal, at present Ongole City and Municipal Corporation Limits, Throvagunta Gram Panchayat and village accounts, Sy No. 398, an extent of Ac.0.40 cents out of a total extent of Ac.2.83 cents of land, bounded on: Near D.No. 8-1144/B., **bounded on: East:** Mukthinuthalapadu Road, **West:** Land sold to Sudanagunta Sailaja, **North:** mukthinuthalapadu road, **South:** Land sold to Sudanagunta Visweswara Rao. Within these an extent of Ac.0.40 cents or 1936 sq.yards in that 4000sq.ft ACC roof shed

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

**Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.**

Date : 21-01-2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : ONGOLE. **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD**

**BRANCH: ONGOLE -1, D.NO: 37-1-41, IST FLOOR, VARAPRASAD COMPLEX, TRUNK ROAD, ONGOLE-523001(A.P).**

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**MAHATRANSCO** Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/42-2023-24**

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM system from the registered vendors for Supply of following :

| Tender No. & Description of Material | Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.) | Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender |
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| **SP/T-0502/0124 [RFX.No.5000001184]** (Two Bid System) **Procurement of 167MVA, 400/220/33kV, 1-ϕ ICTs (9 Nos.) alongwith New Uninhibited High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil for Augmentation Scheme under Karad, Pune & Vashi Zone** | 7177.23 Lakhs / 25000.00 | 16.02.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. / 16.02.2024 at 16:15 Hrs. |

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr.P&C)
Tel. No. : 022- 69852720/69852711/08329909813 Email: eepc@mahatransco.in, eegrp5@mahatransco.in. For further details visit our website http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer (P&C)**

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**MAHATRANSCO** Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/43-2023-24**

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM system from the registered vendors for Supply of following :

| Tender No. & Description of Material | Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.) | Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender |
|---|---|---|
| **SP/T-0501/0124 [RFX.No.5000001183]** (Two Bid System) **Procurement of 25MVA, 132/33kV (1 No.); 25MVA, 220/22kV (1 No.); 50MVA, 132/33kV (4 Nos.); 50MVA, 100/22kV (1 No.); 50MVA, 220/22kV (1 No.); 100MVA, 220/100kV (1 No.); 100MVA, 220/22/22kV (1 No.) & 200MVA, 220/100/22KV (1 No.) Power Transformers/ ICTs alongwith New Uninhibited High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil for Augmentation Scheme under Amravati; Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar; Pune; Vashi and as Emergency / Critical Spares for Vashi Zone,** | 5989.15 Lakhs / 25000.00 | 21.02.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. / 21.02.2024 at 16:15 Hrs. |

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr.P&C)
Tel. No. : 022- 69852720/69852711/08329909813 Email: eepc@mahatransco.in, eegrp5@mahatransco.in. For further details visit our website http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer (P&C)**

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

**ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURAGI**

**(Office of the Executive Engineer, H & FWD Engineering Division,** # PWD Quarters No: 110-D, Opp: HKES Womens Polytechnic Iwan-E-Shahi Colony, Kalaburagi-585102 Phone/Fax No-08472 - 241982. E -mail-ee.khsdrp.klb@gmail.com

No: HFW/EE/DIVN/KLB/AE-1/BM,SCP,TSP, 059 & 200/T.G/2023-24/811 Date:18.01.2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The Executive Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Division, Kalaburagi invites tender in single and Two Cover Document system respectively from eligible Class-IV, III & Above contractors respectively registered in KPWD in kpp portal, for Repairs, Renovation and upgradation of Basic aminities for 30 works (Hospitals and Staff Quartres) in Kalaburagi, Bidar, Yadagiri, Ballari, Vijayanagar & Koppal Districts of the Health and Family Welfare Department. Maximum Project Cost-Rs. **80.00 lakhs** & Minimum Project Cost- Rs.14.51 lakhs and stipulated period for completion- 02, 03 and 04 months respectively including monsoon-(Refer kpp-portal for the details).

**Calendar of Events**: 1) Last date for receipt of tenders : **02-02-2024 upto 16:30 hrs.** 2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : **03-02-2024 at 15:00 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the kppp portal platform (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) and EMD and tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested contractors will need to register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

Please note henceforth any changes in the schedule will not be published through news papers & further changes will be updated only in - kppp portal.

**NOTE:** 1. All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer**
DIPR/Kalaburagi/694/KSMC&A/2023-24 **H & FWD Engineering Division, Kalaburagi**

# EDITORIAL

We must hide our integrity, like we hide our love

U R Ananthamurthy

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

## CROSS-BORDER PAK, IRAN ATTACKS & MENACE OF JIHADI SANCTUARIES

Recent cross-border attacks by Iran and Pakistan on each other's territory and their subsequent kiss and make up tell the tale of jihadi sanctuaries in both lands. Both claim they are 'brotherly' Islamic nations that are otherwise divided by sectarianism. While Iran is a Shia nation, Pakistan has a Sunni majority. Both have no compunctions in using terror as an instrument of state policy. Contiguous regions of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan are home to ethnic Balochs, which is at the root of separatism. Balochistan is a resource-rich poor land that aspires for freedom, which no nation is ready to grant. Its nationalism is a powder keg that can be lit in no time. All three nations its people straddle have been playing a dangerous jihadi game to keep insurgency simmering within manageable limits. But last week's violation of sovereignty showed the limits of that policy. While Iran claims it took out its rogue citizens in airstrikes within Pakistan, the latter followed a similar script barely 48 hours later. With both sides making their respective points using costly firepower, they decided to call it a draw. But the Pakistani army notched up some additional brownie points in the process for its surgical retaliation. It also got a left-handed compliment from the US for showing Iran its place.

The US is on the frontline of defence against Iran that uses non-state actors like Hamas in Palestine, Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen to become a pre-eminent regional power in West Asia, displacing Saudi Arabia. It was the impending Saudi detente with Israel that was the trigger for Hamas brutality on October 7, as it massacred 1,400 Israelis in a surprise raid. That 23,000 Palestinians and counting - many of them civilian women and children - have been killed by Israel's retaliatory strikes does not bother Iran's conscience. Terror is a self-consuming *Bhasmasura* that can never bring peace and sustenance to any region.

India took the pragmatic approach of not commenting on the Iran-Pakistan faceoff while reiterating its zero tolerance to terror. The Iranian attack revived memories of Indian airstrikes on Balakot in 2019 deep inside Pakistan territory on a Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold to avenge the Pulwama attack on a CRPF convoy. It brought both nuclear powers on the brink of war before better sense prevailed. No wonder, New Delhi defended Tehran's right to give a fitting response to cross-border threats.

## EARLY Q3 RESULTS SHOW BANKS IN GOOD STEAD

The early results of the banking sector for the third quarter show signs of weariness, yet the prospects are far from glum. Though large public sector banks are yet to announce their Q3 results, three major private sector players —HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and Kotak Bank—have, giving a taste of what to expect. HDFC Bank's Q3 numbers cracked the stock market last week, with the shares falling by 8.5% on January 17 after it announced its results. But the market seems to have overreacted to the bank's slower deposit growth and margin contraction. The results of other banks, particularly those of ICICI Bank and IDFC Bank, show robust numbers. The story so far has been that of net interest margin contraction—a trend that was expected because of higher deposit costs—slower deposit growth, continued pick-up in retail loan growth, and overall improvement in asset quality. The recent regulatory changes with regard to exposure in alternate investment funds (AIFs) and unsecured retail lending, though, have started showing their impact on the banks' books. Kotak Mahindra Bank had to make additional provision of ₹143 crore (post tax) on applicable AIF investments. The bank, which has so far declared the most underwhelming Q3 numbers, also had a higher year-on-year unsecured loan at 11.3% (vis-a-vis 9.3% a year ago). The RBI has increased the risk weightage on unsecured loans, while it has asked banks to increase provision on AIF investments that have exposure to the banks' borrowers.

Higher deposit cost and slow deposit growth are becoming a bit of a drag for the banks. Yet, healthy credit growth and improved asset quality continue to boost the prospect of banks. ICICI Bank's net NPA fell to 0.44% in the third quarter from 0.55% in the corresponding period of the previous year. Kotak Bank's net NPA fell from 0.43% last year to 0.34% in the third quarter of this year. IndusInd maintained its gross and net NPA levels. Though HDFC Bank saw its NPA levels going up year-on-year, it is largely due to its merger with its mortgage arm HDFC. Some of the regulatory tightening may have curbed unnecessary 'exuberance' in credit offtake but in the long run, they create a shield against asset quality deterioration. While large PSU bank results would give a clearer picture of the banking sector in the coming days, the early signs are encouraging.

**QUICK TAKE**

### LET COLLEGES CHALLENGE IDEAS

It is not difficult to find fault with indices—on counts ranging from normative bias and methodological imperfection to dodgy data. But they can be rather instructive as trendspotting tools. India's score on the Academic Freedom Index has been slipping over time; it is now in the bottom third of the 179 countries on the index. India is not alone in this—academic freedom is stagnating or slipping in most countries. The adage says a university should be a place where students feel physically safe and philosophically unsafe or challenged. Indian institutes should take in a variety of views and foster a culture of debate in that spirit.

While Valmiki's *Ramayana* is an epic, Kamban's *Ramavataram* is a lyric masterpiece. The story has been hewn into local traditions all over Asia too

## RAMA BELONGS AS MUCH TO TAMILS AS TO THE WORLD

DR HV HANDE

Five-time legislator, twice TN health minister and has translated Kamban's *Ramayana* into English

SOURAV ROY

TODAY, at 97 years of age, I recall that my entry into politics was in 1942, when, as a student of 16, I participated in the Quit India movement. That call was given by Mahatma Gandhi, who envisaged Rama Rajya as a society in which virtue, morality and justice are the core ideals around which day-to-day interactions between citizens and between citizens and the State occur.

The *Ramayana* is neither a mere story, nor a mere epic poem. Rama is both god and man. As Aurobindo declared, "The *Ramayana* is at once history, legend and a poem unmatchably sublime, supremely artistic and magnificently dramatic." Valmiki, the *adikavi*, has inspired poets of this land to retell Rama's glorious life in their respective tongues.

Kavichakravarthi (emperor of poets) Kamban's *Ramavataram*, Rama's story in six books, is both a landmark in the history of Tamil literature and an exemplary masterpiece. There are few lovers of Tamil who have not been entranced by its beauty of expression, richness of imagery and ethical grandeur. Revolutionary patriot VVS Iyer would claim for Kamban's *Ramavataram* an "individuality distinct from Valmiki's". He confidently asserted that *Ramavataram* will stand favourable in comparison with the *Mahabharata* too. He also avers that it excels Homer's *Iliad*, Virgil's *Aeneid* and Milton's *Paradise Lost*.

Rajaji, one of the greatest men of our times, translated in verse form in English the *Ayodhya kandam* of Kamban's *Ramayana*, and has this to say in his preface: "Kamban sang the story of Rama as of god come down on earth to suffer, chasten, uplift, help and guide men. Apart from this difference in the treatment of the hero, there is considerable difference in poetic form between Valmiki and Kamban. Kamban's *Ramayana* is a lyric, while Valmiki's is an epic. The lyric is a string of cut gems with glittering facets sparkling at every turn. It is not a solemn march of predestined sadness like Valmiki's epic."

Rajaji further states, "I cannot in an English rendering bring out the rhyme, sparkle or lilt in Kamban. I can only attempt to do some justice to the wealth of substance and the brevity of presentation."

Yet, I was audacious enough to attempt such a rendering in the form of a book—*Kamba Ramayanam: An English Prose Rendering*—published in 1996 by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and released by President Shankar Dayal Sharma.

Justice MM Ismail, who was an ardent scholar of Kamban, states in his foreword to my book: "Dr Hande... has very wisely refrained from making any attempt to translate the whole of Kamban's *Ramayan* in English in verse form. What he has done is an easy English prose rendering... It is remarkable that Dr Hande, whose mother tongue is Kannada, and who studied Telugu in his scholastic career, has taken the trouble of going through the *Ramavataram* in Tamil and given it in English in prose form. It is not surprising that he has taken eight years to complete the entire work."

Justice Ismail said that barring a short prose version by R K Narayan, no one to his knowledge had attempted a rendering of the *Ramavataram* in English even in a running prose form.

Thus, there is a deep-rooted connect between Tamilians and Shri Rama of Ayodhya. Rama is ingrained in the cultural ethos of our nation and every Indian admires and adores him—not because he is a supreme being, but because of the gracious manner with which he faced the difficulties of life. Therefore, it is a specious argument put forth by some that Rama doesn't belong to Tamil Nadu or Tamilians. The chief minister under whom I had the privilege of serving as health minister for two terms was himself named after Rama—MG Ramachandran—and he was a devout *bhakt*.

As former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee often said, Ram belongs to the whole world. There are versions of the *Ramayana* written in various lands and languages beyond India. It has had a significant influence on cultural and religious traditions across Asia.

The *Ramayana* has a rich tradition in Indonesia, where it is performed as a ballet through a traditional Javanese dance form and is considered one of the country's most cherished cultural treasures.

In Japan, it is known as the *Rama-ten*. It was introduced there through Buddhist and Hindu influences, and several adaptations and retellings exist in Japanese literature and performing arts.

It has influenced Chinese literature, drama and art. It is known as *Luo Ma Jing* in Chinese, and there have been various adaptations and retellings.

Thailand has its version called the *Ramakien*. It is considered the national epic and is deeply woven into Thai culture, art and architecture.

In Korea, it is known as the *Samguk Yusa*, a collection of historical records, legends and myths that incorporates elements of the Ramayana along with Korean folklore.

While the *Ramayana* is not as widely known in Russia, there have been translations and adaptations in Russian language.

It has influenced Vietnamese culture, particularly through performing arts and puppetry. It is known as *Truyen Kieu* and has also influenced Vietnamese literature.

Mongolia has its version called the *Dari Rama*, an epic that combines elements from the Ramayana with local folklore and traditions.

In India, I see that there is a lot of confusion among the ranks of the opposition who for years doggedly opposed the building of the Ram temple in Ayodhya. Today, the temple is a *fait accompli*, leaving them no option but to accept it. The sensible thing for them would have been to take part in the consecration of the temple. They should have put an end to their egregious behaviour. When history looks back, their non-participation in the temple event would haunt them.

As a commentator said, "The stones may be old, but they are chiseled afresh. The civilisation may be ancient, but it is born again. The people may be young, but they never forget. The year may be like any other, but it marks a new dawn."

*(Views are personal.)*

## THE MANY TRADITIONS OF MARYADA PURUSHOTTAM

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

TODAY is all about Sri Rama and so it seems apt to retell a few things about him.

Valmiki, in the root *Ramayana*, lists the 16 good qualities that Sage Narada seeks in an ideal man. Lord Brahma tells him that Rama is that person. At that stage it is only hearsay and unreal to us. As the story proceeds, it is by Rama's reactions in deed and word that we obtain impressions of his Rama-ness. A glimpse of what Rama is like as a person comes from the citizens of Ayodhya. When Dasharatha asks his subjects what they feel about Rama becoming the crown prince, there is a roar of approval.

The people say of Rama, "He speaks lovingly to everyone and his words have never been false. He respects elders and wise people. He is genuinely interested in the welfare of others. When out riding, he stops and talks to the man on the street. He readily forgives and forgets a wrong but remembers even the smallest nice thing that anybody ever did for him. He is well-read and well-mannered. He is a '*drapi*', meaning he is angry only when rightfully required and in the right proportion".

And what did Rama look like? We learn that Rama has dark curls on his forehead and a glossy dark-brown complexion. Hanuman describes Rama to Sita as having 'coppery eyes', broad shoulders and mighty arms.

It is when the big tests come that we get to gauge Rama's nature in greater depth. For one, his lack of greed when he promptly and gracefully accepts being exiled. Secondly, his forgiving nature, when he meets Kaikeyi at Chitrakoot.

Thirdly, his democratic gift of making friends with people of all classes. He hugs Guha the boatman and Hanuman. Be it the people of Ayodhya, great sages in the forest, humble folk, a motley crew of vanaras, a person of superior intellect like Hanuman or an asura prince like Vibhishana, Ram attracts affection and support just by being himself—open and friendly.

Fourthly, Rama loves deeply and does not deny his pain. Moved by the beauty of Lake Pampa, he laments aloud for lost Sita. During the long, weary wait through the monsoon before the search for Sita can resume, he is openly homesick for Ayodhya. From Rama, we learn that it is not at all unmanly to feel and express pain.

In sum, a picture emerges of a person who feels things deeply but tries to do his best despite setback after setback while keeping his dignity and without losing his values. That is his real Rama-ness as derived from Valmiki.

Eons later, Tulsidas, the Kashi-based 16th-century author of the *Ramcharitmanas*, wrote his 'people's Ramayana' in Avadhi, the everyday dialect of his region, to simplify matters for the common folk. Tulsi, as noted by Ramayana scholars, observed that the public was prone to be easily impressed and misled by all kinds of ascetics and their doctrines. He disapproved of yogis who grew long nails, wore strange, frightening ornaments, and dressed for the fairground.

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> There are reportedly 300 versions of Ramayana which all try to gauge Rama's nature in great depth. All of these portray Rama to be the epitome of a man of honour. He is the embodiment of all greatness, being firmly grounded in our culture and tradition

He is noted as saying in another work, the Vinaya Patrika, '*Bahumat muni bahu panth puranani, jahan-tahan jhagaro so*' (The seers profess many opinions, there are many old stories about many paths to salvation, and there are quarrels all over the place).

He submitted that real religion was much less complicated, that it was a direct connection between a soul and god, whom he was personally taught by his guru to see as Rama. Therefore, Tulsidas's spiritual advisory for people living in this particular Kaliyuga was brief and straightforward: "*Kalyug jog na jagya na gnana* / Ek aadhar Ram gun gaana (In Kaliyuga, neither austerity, nor sacrifice nor deep knowledge is required / Singing in praise of Rama is the only path to salvation)'.

The public could not resist the triple impact of the simplicity of Tulsi's case, the emotional appeal of Valmiki's original story that Tulsi retold with his own twists like the Lakshman Rekha incident and Tulsi's poetry, which seemed uncomplicated but was in fact profoundly musical and meaningful. The history of religion in North India changed forever with *Ramcharitmanas*.

I discovered from American Ramayana scholar, Paula Richman, that there are reportedly 300 traditional versions of the *Ramayana*. Sita's fate upset so many people in the past that there are two kinds of Ramayanas. Sita is either banished or there's a *mangalam* ending. Indeed, it seems there are more Ramayanas that favour a happy ending. Moreover, there is this scholarly theory that Valmiki's *Uttara Kandam* (featuring the banishment) was a *prakshipta* or interpolation added later.

Richman shares an interesting story about Lakshmana's wife, Urmila. In the modern Malayalam play '*Kanchana Sita*' by Sreekantan Nair, made into a film by G. Aravindan, Urmila whiles away her separation by studying. So, when Rama banishes Sita, she has a big debate with him. He justifies the banishment as "the will of the people" and not his own dharma as a husband. "But then", says Urmila, "What about your own banishment? That was against the will of the people."

Bhavabhuti of Vidarbha in the 8th century had them meet and forgive each other while Kuvempu's 20th century Kannada story stunningly envisions both Rama and Sita entering the fire and emerging unscathed.

In the East, the *Shakta Ramayanas* have Sita going out to combat and vanquish a 100-headed cousin of Ravana who suddenly shows up after the battle, when Rama is too exhausted to fight.

The Tamil *Ramayana* by Kamban in the 12th century and the Malayalam *Ramayana* by Thunchath Ezhuthachan in the 16th century tend to be lyrical, say scholars, while Kerala and Karnataka, because of Kathakali and Yakshagana, rejoice in superbly gifted Ramayana actors.

Most regions have formats in which the complexities of the epic have been repeatedly raised. To count them all, classical, regional and folk, is a long task. Today, we welcome Ram Lalla in Ayodhya as an enduring embodiment of Indian history and culture.

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### Scientific age

Ref: *Expectant parents insist on C-section to coincide with consecration day* (Jan 21). It is unfortunate that expectant parents are craving for delivery at the precise hour that the Ram Mandir is consecrated. Unmindful of the consequences that could unfold. The reason for their insisting on such deliveries is the hope that their children would embody the ideals of Lord Ram which in this scientific age is quite hard to digest.
**CV Aravind, Chennai**

### Muhurat deliveries

Ref: *Expectant parents insist on C-section to coincide with consecration day* (Jan 21). Unscrupulous doctors will reap a rich harvest from the religious pregnant mothers ignoring the post-natal calamities of premature delivery. Ethical doctors must not go for muhurat deliveries endangering premature babies and mothers.
**Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati**

### Mythological films

Ref: *The shifting shape of mythologicals* ( Jan 21). Namrata Joshi showcased the trajectory of mythologicals from the 19th century to the present day. It is heartening to note that Sivaji Ganesan and N T Rama Rao have won laurels for their depiction of mythological roles . However, some of the recent mythological films have not lived up to the mark.
**Ramalingeswara Rao, email**

### Double-faced

The Left's reactions on Centre and states closing government offices on January 22, once again proves the double face of the Left parties. The Communist Party of India (Marxist) found this decree to be against our Constitution. However, only last week, the Kerala government declared a holiday for thai pongal for their offices. One can find n-number of examples to prove how double faced the Left is.
**PRV Raja, email**

### Gaining votes

Ref: *'Gaon Chalo': BJP aims rural connect, launches drive to cover 7 lakh villages in 9 days* (Jan 21). As national fervour hits its peak with Ram consecration in Ayodhya, BJP's decision to connect with the rural masses will help the party gain votes in the elections.
**Venkat Desikan, email**

### Improving education

The latest survey data of the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) in rural areas shows that students aged 14 to 18 years are not able to do simple division in mathematics. About one third of students are not able to study beyond 12th. A lot still needs to be done in the education field.
**Jahangir Ali, Mumbai**

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**POSTS OF THE DAY**

**Himanta Biswa Sarma** @himantabiswa
I request the Muslim community to understand the sentiments of Hindu religion. Shri Krishna's birthplace and Kashi Vishwanath have a special significance.

**Jairam Ramesh** @Jairam_Ramesh
The PM tweets on Manipur Statehood Day but has not found time nor thought it necessary to visit the state that has gone through so much agony since May 3, 2023.

**Yogendra Yadav** @_YogendraYadav
My friend and activist Akhil Gogoi believes that if the 2024 elections are fought focusing on the question of unemployment, then BJP cannot win.

■ Consecration day signifies resurgence of Bharat, says Mohan Bhagwat ■ Meet the devout lawyers who won legal battles in the name of Lord Ram

Sadhus take out a procession on Ram Path on the eve of the consecration ceremony in Ayodhya on Sunday | PTI

# Time to reawaken 'Bharatvarsh', end all bitterness: RSS chief

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the Ram temple consecration in Ayodhya, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday interpreted the 'Pran Pratishtha' of Ram Lalla as the new beginning of a campaign for the reconstruction of 'Bharatvarsh' with ideals of harmony, unity, progress, peace and well-being of everyone.

"The reconstruction of Bharat should pave the way for the reconstruction of the entire world," the RSS chief wrote in an article shared through RSS' official 'X' handle.

He said the construction of Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya marks the reawakening of national pride. "This also signifies the acceptance of ideals behind the character of Shri Ram by the modern Bharatiya society," he said.

Bhagwat referred to the "continuous struggle of the Hindu society" for the construction of the Ayodhya temple, while emphasizing that "conflict and bitterness" over the dispute should come to an end now."

"Integrity in life, forgiveness with strength and bravery and care while dealing with everyone with gentleness of heart and steadfastness towards oneself in performing the duty -- these are the qualities of Shri Ram that everyone should emulate," he remarked.

He said from a 'Dharmik' point of view, Lord Ram is the "most worshipped deity" of a vast section of society in the country. "The conflict and bitterness that arose following the dispute should end. The enlightened people of the society must see that the dispute ends completely," he said. He also defined Ayodhya as a place free from conflict.

"This world is in a destructive frenzy due to egoism, selfishness and discrimination and is bringing infinite calamities upon itself. The entry of Shri Ram Lalla in Ram Janmabhoomi and his Pran Pratishtha is the beginning of the campaign for reconstruction of Bharatvarsh which is for the well-being of all, accepting all without enmity and showing the path of harmony, progress, unity and peace," he said.

The history of Bharat is the history of "continuous struggle against invaders for around 1500 years," he said, adding that the aim of early invasions was to plunder and colonise. "But attacks from the West in the name of Islam only brought complete destruction and alienation of the society. To demoralise the nation and society, it was necessary to destroy their religious places. Hence, foreign invaders also destroyed temples in India. They did this multiple times," he said.

"The demolition of Ram temple was also done with the same intention. This policy was not limited to Ayodhya or any one temple, but was a war strategy for the entire world," he said.

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Mohan Bhagwat, RSS chief

**ACCEPTANCE OF IDEALS**

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# Lawyer who argued barefoot in court for Ram

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

AS Ayodhya gets ready for the big day, not many are aware of this senior lawyer, Keshav Parasaran, who argued for the Hindu side four years ago in the Supreme Court standing barefoot for hours at a stretch.

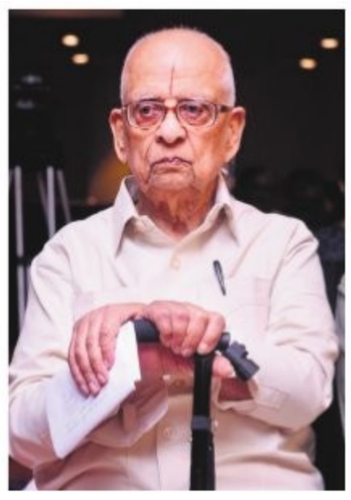
While talking to this newspaper, Parasaran, 96, attorney general of India twice earlier, said he felt that Lord Ram is omnipresent. Faith in him and respect for him brought people closer to themselves, he said.

"The arguments that I delivered in the Ram mandir case in Supreme court in 2019, is due to my love for God Ram. It was due to my faith, devotion and dedication for God Ram. I do it for Ram (Lalla) only," Parasaran said in an emotional tone. On being asked about winning the case in the top court, he said he had done his best in the case. "It was the court that decided and pronounced the verdict," he said.

In 2019, Parasaran surprised many when he argued standing barefoot for hours at a stretch, despite his age. His juniors and contemporaries said it was his deep devotion and humility that led him to follow the gesture.

Every day, Parasaran would spend four-to-five hours in the court. During the hearing, he would take off his shoes, out of reverence for the deity he was arguing for. He would speak without showing any signs of fatigue during the exhaustive legal battle, like any other lawyer would argue in a normal case.

Parasaran was brought back from Chennai to Delhi for two cases. One was the Sabarimala case and the other was Ayodhya, although he rarely appeared in



cases after 2016 due to his age.

Parasaran, being an eminent Hindu scholar and an excellent government lawyer, argued the Ram temple case in August 2019 for around 4-5 days consecutively. His legal career spans over six decades. He served as the attorney general of India from 1983 to 1989. He had earlier served as the advocate-general of Tamil Nadu in 1976, before ascending to the position of Solicitor General of India, wielding the legal sword on the national stage.

Parasaran was awarded Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan in 2003 and 2011. He was nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the President in 2012. His knowledge of the Indian Constitution and ancient dharma has been praised widely.

Parasaran's association with the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra added a new dimension to his career. In 2019, the Central government entrusted him with the pivotal role of leading the trust overseeing the Ram temple construction.

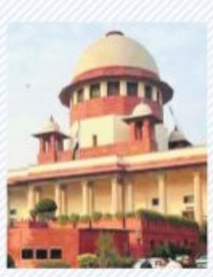
# Refrain from passing adverse orders today, Bar body urges CJI

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) on Sunday requested Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud not to pass any adverse orders against advocates who fail to appear before the court on January 22, the day of the consecration ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

In a letter to CJI Chandrachud, SCBA president Adish C Aggarwala said that the celebrations will commence early on Monday and go on till late evening. Simultaneous ceremonies will also take place in temples not only in India but throughout the world.

He said that some of his Muslim colleagues have also requested that Monday be declared a holiday.



"Many judges and senior law officers have been invited to Ayodhya, and they may be participating in the prayers," he said, adding that he would also be attending the prayer ceremony in the holy city.

"The Central government and most state governments (including the Kejriwal government in Delhi) have declared a half-day to provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in this prayer ceremony," he said.

The five-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court, including the CJI, who delivered the historic Ram Mandir verdict on November 9, 2019, have been invited as state guests to participate in the Ayodhya Ram Mandir consecration ceremony on January 22.

Justices Chandrachud, Ranjan Gogoi, Sharad Arvind Bobde, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer are among the invitees at the Ram Mandir temple inauguration, which will be see more than 7,000 dignitaries across various fields.

# A Naga sadhu who studied law to fight legal battle to 'reclaim glory'

**As a Naga sadhu, I renounced the world but did not abandon my duties towards society. This teaches me the importance of balancing personal and spiritual growth**

Karunesh Shukla

**PRIMARY LITIGANT**

Shukla represented Mahant Das, a primary litigant of Nirvani Ani Akhara, demanding the right to worship and manage the birthplace of Ram Lalla.

**OTHER FIGHTS**

Shukla also saved 50-60 Hindu women from the clutches of Love Jihad. Not only did he fight their legal battle free of cost, but he rehabilitated them with his financial resources.

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

MEET Karunesh Shukla, a Bairagi Naga sadhu, who was so determined to "reclaim the glory" of Lord Ram that he studied law to fight a legal battle for his guru Mahant Dharam Das — one of the petitioners in the 2019 Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri masjid title suit case — in the Supreme Court.

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While talking to this paper, Shukla said his Guru Mahant Dharam Das sent him to Kanpur for admission to Dayanand College of Law. With hard work and perseverance, he passed out as a lawyer and fulfilled his dream of fighting the case for Das in the top court.

The apex court's landmark verdict was delivered by the former CJIs — Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Sharad Arvind Bobde — Justices Dr Chandrachud (Present CJI), Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer had, in 2019, ruled in favour of the Hindu parties and directed to construct the Ram temple by a trust at the disputed site at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. The bench was headed by the former CJI Justice Gogoi.

These five judges figure in the list of invitees for the January 22 Ram temple consecration ceremony in Ayodhya , which would be witnessed by more than 7,000 dignitaries across various arena

Born into a religious family in the Basti district of Uttar Pradesh in 1991, Dharam Das was sent to live in an ashram in Ayodhya, where he was initiated as 'Bairagi Naga sadhu' by Mahant Dharam Das.

He said that after the pronouncement of the verdict in the case in the SC, Das was quite satisfied with the judgement, which ordered the formation of trust to take care of Ram Temple.

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"As a Naga sadhu, I renounced the world but did not abandon my duties toward society. This teaches me the importance of balancing personal and spiritual growth and contributing positively to the world. I am a selfless warrior of the society," Shukla said, adding that he was ready for more such battles.

# Centre likely to soon amend Drugs Act to curb misleading ads

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Union Health Ministry may soon take "appropriate" action to amend the proposed long-pending Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act, 1954, which is aimed at taking stringent action against misleading advertisements, including Ayush medicines.

The move comes in the wake of directions from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) following an RTI filed by Dr K V Babu, a Kerala-based ophthalmologist, who had flagged that the crucial Act has been kept in cold storage since February 3, 2020, when the proposal was first announced.

Babu, who had written to the PMO last year on December 7, received a response that his complaint had been forwarded to the Union health ministry. The health ministry, which had not responded to him despite his earlier RTIs on the issue, in its January 16 reply, said that "action on the issue will be initiated at the appropriate time."

Reacting to the health ministry's reply, Babu said, "I believe it is a positive development as it has come after the intervention from the PMO. The proposed amendment will strengthen the D&MR Act. I hope it is enacted soon."

**It has been six years since the parliamentary panel had expressed grave concerns about misleading Ayush medicines. I hope now, they implement the Act after the PMO intervention**

KV Babu, RTI activist

The proposed D&MR Act was formulated after the parliamentary panel on health in March 2018 criticised the non-enactment of stringent laws against misleading ads of Ayush drugs.

The amendment to the D&MR Act, 1954, which prohibits the advertisement for remedies alleged to possess magical qualities, was proposed by the ministry on February 3, 2020. This act applies to all drugs, including Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani drugs, and Homoeopathy.

The amendments that were proposed in 2020 included 24 more diseases, including drugs for treatment for enhancing sexual performance, fairness of skin, improvement in the height of kids and adults, and premature ageing.

# Juvenile held for harbouring militants in J&K terror attack case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE anti-terror federal probe agency NIA on Sunday said it has apprehended a juvenile for harbouring terrorists involved in the killing of five civilians at Dhangri village in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir in January last year.

"The juvenile was incidentally lodged at Observation Home, RS Pura in Jammu in another case, registered at Police Station Gursai, Mendhar in District Poonch. He was taken into custody on Saturday by the NIA and produced before the Juvenile Justice Board, Rajouri, for remand," the NIA said in a statement.

The agency said its investigation has revealed that the apprehended juvenile, along with two other arrested persons — namely Nisar Ahmed and Mushtaq Hussain — was involved in harbouring the terrorists, who had carried out the horrendous attack.

Nisar and Mushtaq were arrested in August last year and are currently in jail. "The duo had provided logistic support to the terrorists for more than two months and had sheltered them in a hideout, which they constructed on the directions of Lashkar-e-Toiba handlers," the probe agency said.

# Illegal immigration racket: ED hunts for key conspirators in Delhi, Gujarat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

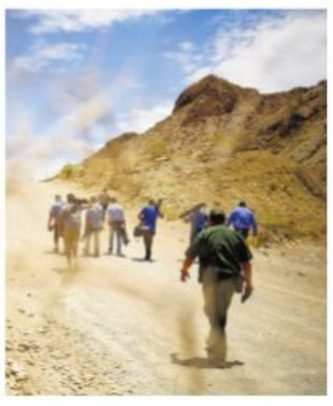
THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Sunday said it had conducted search operations at 22 locations in Delhi and Gujarat's Ahmedabad, Surat and Mehsana districts linked to some "key" conspirators, who allegedly indulged in running an illegal racket of sending Indian citizens abroad using "bogus" visas and passports.

While confirming the search operations under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the ED, in an official statement, said, "They were carried out on January 19-20 at 22 locations in Ahmedabad, Surat and Mehsana in Gujarat and Delhi."

"The locations covered under raids were linked to 'key conspirators' Bharatbhai Patel alias Bobby, Charanajit Singh and others in a case relating to their alleged involvement in illegal foreign immigration," the agency said.

Patel was arrested in this case by the Gujarat Police in 2022 and was also allegedly found involved in the Dingucha case that took place the same year, where an Indian family of four had frozen to death while attempting to enter the US from Canada illegally, ED said.

The illegal immigration scam came to light in January 2022 following the 'Dingucha' tragedy. Dingucha is the village's name, about 40 kilometres from Ahmedabad and in the Gandhinagar district, to which the family belonged.



Bobby himself has over two dozen passports in his name, some even containing his biometric information, said officials familiar with the case. He made minor changes and has managed to get multiple passports from different passport offices, they added.

The ED had filed its case under various sections of the PMLA based on two Gujarat police FIRs against the accused under various sections of the IPC and the Passports Act for their alleged involvement in sending Indian citizens abroad illegally since 2015.

The accused "were taking huge consideration for sending Indian citizens abroad illegally based on bogus or fabricated documents for getting visa of different countries with duplicate passports used as genuine by impersonating the passengers," the ED alleged.

According to the statement issued by the central agency, the accused used to collect ₹60-75 lakh from one passenger, ₹1-1.25 crore from every couple (husband and wife) and ₹1.25-1.75 crore if children accompanied their parents.

During the search operations, the agency officials seized about ₹1.5 crore cash in Indian currency and around ₹21 lakh in foreign currency. "Further, various other incriminating evidence in the form of digital and as well as documentary have been recovered and seized," it said.

**The illegal route**

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# Anti-radiation equipment fitted across land borders

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

ENHANCING security set-up at Integrated Check Posts across the country, the Land Port Authority of India under direction from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has been installing Radiation Detection Equipment (RDE) to detect illicit import of radioactive materials into India.

Officials in the Land Port Authority said of the total 10 checkposts, plans are afoot to install RDEs at six of them and the work has been in progress at different stages of implementation. A decision to add two more would soon be taken.

The 10 checkposts are Dera Baba Nanak and Attari in Punjab, Raxul and Jogbani in Bihar, Petrapole in West Bengal, Satarkandi in Assam, Agartala and Srimantapur in Tripura and Moreh in Manipur and Dawki in Meghalaya.

Of these at two Integrated checkposts — Petrapole and Moreh — equipment would be installed at a later stage and at Dera Baba Nanak, since no goods movement takes place, there is no need to put up RDE, the officials said. These checkposts are situated along land border with Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

**WILDLIFE HUNTING**

As many as 38 people surrendered their air guns during an event organised at Tezu, in Arunachal Pradesh. The campaign is an initiative of the state's Environment and Forest department to dissuade wildlife hunting

3 DIE AS VEHICLE FALLS INTO GORGE IN ARUNACHAL

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# Raj calls special Bengal craftsmen for temple replica

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

RAJASTHAN is poised for a celebration on the day of the Ram Temple consecration in Ayodhya. At the heart of Jaipur's renowned Ramniwas Bagh, craftsmen from Bengal are working on a 35-meter high Ram temple replica.

The entire Ram Niwas Bagh complex is being transformed into a reminiscent of the Ayodhya pilgrimage site, adorned with decorations. A helicopter will add to the spectacle by showering flower petals during the day. Jaipur's markets are also partaking in the festivities with decorations, and Ramdhun will be played across the city.

The historical Ramniwas Bagh is being metamorphosed to mirror Ayodhya, showcasing a 35-feet-high Shri Ram Temple crafted by 150 Bengali artisans. The Ramdwar, Sitadwar, Laxman Dwar, and Hanuman Dwar will be captivating focal points. There will also be a drone show with 300 drones making a replica of the Ram Temple in the sky, making it the first-of-its-kind public event that spans three to four kilometers.

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma will participate in the program, emphasising on its devotional aspect. A procession will precede the event, featuring live tableaux of Ram, Lakshman, and Sita, welcomed with flower showers along the route. The procession will culminate at Albert Hall, where 51 Pandits will conduct Maha Aarti using 11 thousand lamps and Vedic mantras. On Sunday, the 'Ek Sham Ram Ke Naam' program at Albert Hall featured 30 sitar players playing Ramdhun, and thousands of lamps.

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# Ayodhya to miss deity's 'friends'

3 eminent persons who represented Ram Lalla are no more to see their dream come true

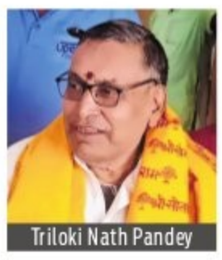
NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

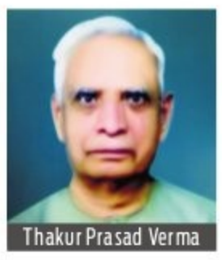
RAM Lalla will be enthroned in his permanent abode ending an "exile" of five centuries, but the three 'next friends' of the deity who represented Him in various courts during legal battles since 1989 are no more.

Under Indian laws, a deity is deemed to be an individual entity and like a firm or a trust can contest its own case. The deity (Ram Lalla Virajman) is a perpetual minor and needed a 'next friend' to represent Him in court.

On November 9, 2019, when the Supreme Court delivered the verdict over the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute, Ram Lalla Virajman was declared as the owner of the 2.77 acre land in Ayodhya, delighting his 'next friend' Triloki Nath Pandey, who was aged 75 years. He was observing a (nirjal) fast (without drinking water) which he ended after the pronouncement of the judgment.

"Bhagwan Ram's second exile has ended now. He will now be able to move to his permanent abode after spending so many decades in a tent. It is the victory of Ram Lalla Virajman, but the best thing is that no one has lost," Pandey said after interacting with the media post-verdict.


Triloki Nath Pandey


Thakur Prasad Verma

Justice Deoki Nandan

**Who is the 'next friend' of the deity?**

Under Indian laws, a deity is deemed to be an individual entity and can contest its own case. The deity (Ram Lalla Virajman) is a perpetual minor and needed a 'next friend' to represent itself in court. The three 'next friends' are Deoki Nandan Agarwal, a retired HC judge, Thakur Prasad Verma, a history professor of BHU, and Triloki Nath Pandey who took the responsibility in 2010. The three have passed away.

Pandey is no more; he succumbed to cardiac arrest in September, 2021.

The concept of 'next friend' was introduced by Deoki Nandan Agarwal, an Allahabad (now Prayagraj) advocate who later rose through the ranks to become a judge in the Allahabad High Court.

After his retirement, he played 'next friend' to Ram Lalla after an extensive research of the documents related to Janmabhoomi dispute and filed a petition in Allahabad High Court in 1989, claiming the land belonged to Ram Lalla and he was his 'next friend'.

Agarwal, who later joined Vishwa Hindu Parishad, continued to represent the deity in legal battles till 1996.

After Agarwal, historian Thakur Prasad Verma (1996-2009), a Banaras Hindu University professor, took over and represented Ram Lalla Virajman in courts. Later, his age and frail health failed Verma and he passed on the baton to Triloki Nath Pandey, a VHP office-bearer, in 2008 when Pandey took over as 'next friend' of Ram Lalla Virajman.

Deoki Nandan Agarwal's daughter Meenu, who has come all the way from Barmingham to witness the ceremony, is short of words to express her emotions. She recalls the odds and the hardships her father was made to go through by the then dispensation for being the next friend of Ram Lalla despite his stature of being a retired high court judge.

Similarly, Siddharth Verma, son of Prof Thakur Prasad Verma, recalls that his father had also read out the 12th century Shilapatta (plaque) in Nagari script and Sanskrit that was used to establish that the place belonged to an avatar (incarnation) of Vishnu who killed Bali and Ravana. The temple was more than just a cause for his father.

Pandey's son Amit, a software engineer based in Gurugram, recalls that Ram Janmabhoomi case was of supreme importance for this father. Pandy's wife Kamla Devi is an invitee to the consecration ceremony and she has already reached the temple town. Amit recalls how his father would always be confident of the outcome of the court case.

"I know the outcome... but the judgment is a matter of time," Amit recalls Pandey as saying.

The new 51-inch idol of Ram Lalla, sculpted by Mysuru-based Arun Yogiraj, was placed in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple on Thursday afternoon. The first image of the new idol with eyes covered with a cloth was released on Friday.

## PATNA DIARY

RAMASHANKAR

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### CM inaugurates 500-bed medical college

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the 500-bed Sriram Janki Medical College at Sarairanjan in Samastipur on the eve of consecration of Ram Temple at Ayodhya in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh. The land for the institute, which also has 100 MBBS seats, was donated by Sriram Janki Trust. The CM said that all medical facilities with advanced technology will be available at this medical college, which has been built at a cost of ₹591 crore. CM Nitish also announced to increase the capacity of the hospital to 1000-bed soon. Nitish, didn't forget to give credit to Centre for playing an important role.

### PK plans to field 75 EBC candidates in 2025 polls

Political strategist-turned activist Prashant Kishor has announced a significant initiative for the 2025 assembly elections in Bihar under the aegis of 'Jan Suraaj'. At a function to celebrate birth centenary of socialist leader and former chief minister Karpoori Thakur, Kishor said that 'Jan Suraaj' will field 75 candidates belonging to EBCs in assembly polls. In addition, 'Jan Suraaj' has decided to provide financial assistance to 500 EBC students annually, with 10 to 15 students chosen from each district, ensuring comprehensive support for their academic pursuits.

### Nitish shifts RJD Minister, creates flutter

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar has shifted education minister Prof Chandrashekhar to the less important department — Sugarcane Industries department. His latest move has come at a time when there is an intense speculation over JD(U)-RJD relationship. Prof Chandrashekhar had courted controversy for his objectionable remarks on Ramcharitmanas and other religious matters even as his relationship with the education department's additional chief secretary K K Pathak was also far from normal. It will be interesting to see what type of relationship he has with the top bureaucrat of his department.

### *Seer softens stance*

Dehradun: Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati has softened his stance on the issue of the incomplete construction and consecration ceremony in the Ram Temple, which he had previously criticised. He said, "The terms of previous PMs have been good, but the work and decisions made by Modi on Hindus and Sanatan are unparalleled." He also reiterated his support for revocation of Article 370.

### *Dry day in Assam*

Guwahati: The Assam government has imposed restrictions on non-vegetarian food on Monday in view of the Ram temple consecration ceremony. It ordered the closure of all meat and fish shops till 4 pm and asked restaurants to not serve non-vegetarian food till 2 pm on Monday. It also declared the day as dry day. However there will be no no closure of other business establishments.

### *Bomb threat to temple, 1 held*

Patna: A 21-year-old youth was arrested from Bihar's Araria district, close to India-Nepal border, on charges of being involved in issuing threat to blow up the Ram Temple at Ayodhya on January 22, police said. Intekhab Alam was taken into custody from his ancestral village Balua Kaliyaganj for calling up police and threatening to blow up the temple. Initial investigation, however, said that the accused appeared to be mentally 'unstable'

### *BJP minority group on yatra*

Dehradun: The Muslim community in Uttarakhand organised a padyatra, as a request to the Centre to declare an official holiday on January 22. Aslam Rana, the district secretary of the BJP Minority Morcha in Roorkee, who spearheaded the Padyatra, told this newspaper, "Our appeal to the central government is to officially recognise January 22 as a national festival, to be celebrated with grandeur akin to January 26 and August 15."

**TEMPLE VIEW**

The inside view of the Ram Temple on the eve of its consecration ceremony in Ayodhya on Sunday | PTI

# Temple tour for 'kar sevaks' after Jan 22

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

ALL 'kar sevaks' from Madhya Pradesh, who were part of the Ram Temple movement in Ayodhya during the early 1990s will be taken by the BJP to temple town for the darshan of Lord Ram Lalla, after Monday's consecration ceremony is over.

A group of state BJP leaders led by party's MP president and first-time Lok Sabha member VD Sharma and newly elected MLA Bhagwandas Sabnani honoured Bhopal-resident Achal Singh, one of the 'kar sevaks' who were part of the movement which led to demolition of disputed structure in Ayodhya in 1992. The BJP leaders visited the house of the middle-aged Singh in Kolar area of Bhopal on Sunday and honoured him with floral garlands.

Singh, was among those 'kar sevaks' who had climbed atop the disputed structure in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, ultimately leading to its demolition. Singh fell down from the structure and was grievously hurt. The mishap made him partially paralysed, owing to which his body's movements are largely restricted even 31 years later.

"We're fortunate to be with a 'kar sevaks' like Achal Singh, who was part of the making history at Ayodhya in 1992. A day before the Ram Temple consecration ceremony in Ayodhya, it was our duty to visit Singh and honour him. The MP BJP will take all 'kar sevaks' of that time to Ayodhya," the MP BJP chief announced.

# C'garh Ramnami Samaj says ancestors foresaw the day 150 years ago

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

'RAMNAMI Samaj' in central Chhattisgarh have reasons to rejoice on the day of consecration of Lord Ram. Known to be his ardent followers, they sport a string of tattoos of the god's name as a display of their reverance towards the deity.

Ramnamis, who are organising their religious fair at Jaijaipur in Janjgir-Champa district, about 180 km from Raipur, expressed their delight over the the consecration ceremony in Ayodhya as they claimed that its a remarkable coincidence over their ancestors' prophecy that matches the actual day of consecration on January 22.

Ramnamis are referred to as sects belonging to Dalits who adopted the practice of tattooing the name of 'Ram' on their body and face, the custom evocative of peaceful defiance of casteism or untouchability.

"As per our well-founded information, our ancestors some 150 years ago had predicted that the consecration of the idol of Shri Ram Lalla in Ayodhya would happen between the eleventh and thirteenth days of Shukla Paksha, which is January 22. And it coincides with our festival that also falls on the same day," said Manharan Ramnami, a devotee attending the Jaijaipur festival.

With Ram tattoo inscribed on every part of their body, they also resolved not to pollute or deprave it by consuming non-vegetarian food or consuming alcohol. "Ram transcends all castes and we treat the body as Ram temple. So, Ramnamis strictly abstain from consuming meat and alcohol.

The fair that reverberates with devotional songs and hymns is organised on the bank of river Mahanadi at Jaijaipur. "For us worshipping Ram takes any form as the lord remains accessible to all. We intend to elevate spiritually with the message that the God remains everywhere", said Sejwana, who has been chanting bhajans since her childhood.

# Fissures in Punjab Cong deepen, Sidhu back with potshots at leadership

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AHEAD of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the chasm in Punjab Congress appears to have widened with former state party president Navjot Singh Sidhu on Sunday holding a rally 'Jittega Punjab, Jittegi Congress' in Moga and taking potshots at his own party leadership.

It was his fourth rally in the last two months despite the objections by senior leaders of the party who called Sidhu's outreach an act of "indiscipline". While addressing the rally at Moga, Sidhu emphasised that the grand old party cannot survive on its old glory as it needs to bring honesty and help people improve their lives; only then can the Congress forge ahead.

"Now, no more goats and sheep. The party needs tigers," he said. He also hit out at Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, saying that the "pack of lies" will not work.

On Saturday, Moga in-charge Malvika Sood Sachar -- the sister of actor Sonu Sood, who had unsuccessfully contested the 2022 Assembly elections from Moga --had directed the party workers against participating in the rally.

Ruffled by Sidhu's solo political outreach, the senior leaders of the Punjab Congress had recently raised the issue with Congress' Punjab affairs in-charge Devender Yadav. They asked to rein him in as his rallies are being seen as an attempt to revive his political fortunes since his defeat in the 2022 Assembly polls.

Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring had already said that party programmes should be held in consultation with the state unit chief.

**MADHYA PRADESH**

## Defamation case against Chouhan, other ministers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A special court in Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh has ordered a case of defamation against state's former chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, former MP minister Bhupendra Singh and current state BJP chief VD Sharma.

The court of judicial magistrate first class/special judicial magistrate (MP/MLA court) in Jabalpur, Vishveshwari Mishra ordered the registration of the defamation case against the three ruling BJP leaders under Section 500 IPC, while hearing the petition filed by Rajya Sabha member and Supreme Court advocate Vivek Tankha.

In the petition, Tankha had alleged that the BJP leaders had tarnished his image by making incorrect statements about his involvement in a Supreme Court case pertaining to other backward caste quota in the 2021 panchayat polls in the central Indian state.

# BJP, JD(U) fight it out over event linked to Karpoori Thakur's legacy

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

EVEN as Bihar's all major parties are vying with each other for the Extremely Backward Castes (EBCs) by organising veteran socialist leader and former chief minister of Bihar Karpoori Thakur's birth centenary celebrations, the BJP on Sunday assailed chief minister Nitish Kumar after the venue allegedly allotted for celebration was given to JD (U) later.

Veteran socialist leader and former chief minister Karpoori Thakur's birth centenary will be celebrated on January 24. EBCs – a conglomerate of 130 smaller castes- constitute 36.1 percent of the state's population. In majority of the times, EBCs decide the winner in closely fought elections and so every party is trying to woo them ahead of upcoming Lok Sabha election.

Bihar BJP president Samrat Choudhary alleged that Millar High School ground in Patna was allotted to them by Patna district administration for holding birth centenary celebration of Karpoori Thakur on January 24. Preparations were underway for the event which was likely to be attended by many stalwarts of the party.

He claimed that the same ground was allotted to JD(U) for organising a cultural show on the eve of the centenary celebration. "Permission was granted to BJP by Patna district administration much earlier. The venue has been allotted to JD(U) later, which is not justified," he told the media and attacked Nitish for the action out of political vendetta.

**The EBCs**

EBCs (Extremely Backward Castes) is a conglomerate of 130 smaller castes and constitute 36.1 percent of the state's population. In majority of the times, EBCs decide the winner in closely fought elections and therefore, every party in the state has been making efforts to woo them ahead of upcoming Lok Sabha election.

Nitish is also holding the post of president of JD(U).

Kumar will visit Karpoori'a ancestral village, Pitaunjhia village (known as Karpoori Gram) to participate in a function to mark his birth anniversary on January 24. Later in the day he will address a meeting organized by JD(U) at the Veterinary College ground in the state capital. Nitish is expected to make some important announcements for EBCs. Karpoori as chief minister of the state had implemented a reservation quota system for various social groups in 1978.

# Shelling kills 25 in Russian-held Donetsk

People walk past bodies of victims killed during the shelling in Russian-controlled Donetsk region on Sunday | ap

KYIV

AT least 25 people were killed on Sunday by shelling at a market on the outskirts of Donetsk in Russian-occupied Ukraine, officials reported.

A further 20 people were injured in the strike on the suburb of Tekstilshchik, including two children, said Denis Pushilin, head of the Russian-installed authorities in Donetsk. He said that the shells had been fired by the Ukrainian military.

Kyiv has not commented on the event and the claims could not be independently verified by *The Associated Press*. Pushilin said that the area had been hit by 155 mm caliber and 152 mm caliber artillery, and that the shells had been fired from the direction of Kurakhove and Krasnohorivka to the west.

He also confirmed that emergency services continued to work at the scene. In a statement, Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs described the strike, which it blamed on Ukraine, as a "terrorist attack." "These terrorist attacks by the Kyiv regime clearly demonstrate its lack of political will towards achieving peace and the settlement of this conflict by diplomatic means," it said. Donetsk resident Tatiana said she heard an incoming projectile overhead, and hid under her market stall. "I saw smoke, people screamed, a woman was crying," she told a local media outlet.

In the fighting on the front line, Russia's Ministry of Defence announced on Sunday that Moscow's forces had taken control of the village of Krokhmalne in Ukraine's Kharkiv region.

Ukrainian forces confirmed that the settlement had been occupied, but described its capture as a "temporary phenomenon." Volodymyr Fityo, spokesperson for Ukrainian Ground Forces Command, said that Kyiv's troops had been pulled back to pre-prepared reserve positions. He said that Krokhmalne had a population of roughly 45 people before the start of Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022. "That's five houses, probably," he was quoted as saying by the news outlet *Hromadske*. "Our main goal is to save the lives of Ukraine's defenders." *Agencies*

# Trump joined by leaders from Nikki Haley's home state, tries to weaken her

MANCHESTER

An empty newspaper rack for the *Ouray County Plaindealer* | AP

DONALD Trump surrounded himself with leaders from Nikki Haley's home state in a show of strength before Tuesday's New Hampshire primary.

Trump was joined at a rally at the NHU Arena in Manchester on Saturday night by South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, the state's lieutenant governor and a slew of other senior officials, including the state's attorney general, treasurer and House speaker. The statewide officials, along with US Reps. Joe Wilson, William Timmons and Russell Fry appeared on stage with Trump.

"Almost every politician from South Carolina is endorsing me," Trump declared.

The South Carolinians urged the voters to carry Trump to a win in New Hampshire before the contest moves to their state and its decisive early contest set for next month.

"If you do that and you win by a big margin here, we'll finish the job in South Carolina," said Murrell Smith, the speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives. The appearances are yet another blow from South Carolina against Haley, who is hoping her appeal among independent and unaffiliated voters.

Haley has a famously fractious relationship with many of her state's Republican power brokers even as she was twice elected governor. Her response on Saturday made clear she hadn't forgotten that rivalry. *AP*

## Gas terminal near St Petersburg catches fire

MOSCOW

A blaze at a natural gas terminal in the Baltic Sea port of Ust-Luga on Sunday was caused by an "external factor," said Novatek, Russia's biggest exporter of liquified natural gas (LNG).

The operator said there were no victims and the fire was "currently localised," at the site 110 kilometres west of St Petersburg near the Estonian border.

Neither Novaktek nor the authorities gave further details about the cause of the fire, which is 1,000 kilometres from the Ukrainian border.

Blaze at Novatek in Ust-Luga in St. Petersburg, Russia on Sunday | AP

The authorities in Usk-Luga had offered a reassuring commentary on the gas terminal blaze, despite video posted on social media purporting to show columns of smoke and flames at the site.

"No casualties as a result of a fire at Novatek's terminal in the port of Ust-Luga. Personnel were evacuated," Aleksandr Drozdenko, governor of Leningrad Oblast, posted on Telegram along with a short video showing a massive fire and smoke at a chemical complex. "A high alert regime has been introduced in the Kingiseppsky," Drozdenko said. *AFP*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Our client (**'Client'**) is desirous of entering into sale and development transactions in connection with the immovable property morefully described in the **'Schedule'** hereto and hereinafter referred to as **'Schedule Property'**. The present owner of the Schedule Property being Saraswathi, wife of Chandrashekar M C, residing at #156, 13th cross, Ganesh Form, Anjananagara, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560 091, having Aadhaar No. 2809 7545 9657(**'Owner'**) has represented that that she is the absolute owner of the **'Schedule Property'**, as detailed in the Schedule hereto, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the present Owner asserting any right, title, charge, lien, interest or claims whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their objections, if any, to the proposed transaction in connection with the Schedule Property. The said objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s and should reach us at the address given below within a period of 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the present Owner has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the transaction in connection with the Schedule Property

**SCHEDULE**
**(Description of the Schedule Property)**

All that piece and parcel of agricultural immovable property bearing Survey No. 117 measuring 04 Acres 08 Guntas (including 02 Guntas of 'B' Kharab land) situated at Madagondanahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on the:

**East by:** Property bearing Survey No. 63/5 and 63/12; **West by:** Madagondanahalli Irrigation Tank (Kere); **North by:** Property bearing Survey No. 118; and **South by:** Properties bearing Survey No. 116/1A, 116/1B and 116/1C.

Date: 19.01.2024, Place: Bangalore

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**BEFORE THE HON'BLE II ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU**
**O.S. No. 1516/2017**

**BETWEEN : MR. GOPALAPPA** S/o. late. Sri. Krishnappa, Aged about 61 years, R/a. Kembathalli Village, Bannergatta Main Road, Gottigere Post, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560083.
**...PLAINTIFF**

**AND: 1. MR. NARAYANASWAMY AND 23 OTHERS**
All Residing at, Kembathalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Gottigere Post, Bannergatta Main Road, Bangalore - 560083.
**...DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT**

**1.** Mr. SOMANNA, S/o. Late. Sri. Krishnappa, Aged about 63 years, **2.** Mrs. BHARATHI, W/o. Late. Sri. Lakshmana, D/o. Late. Sri. Krishnappa, Aged about 51 years, **3.** Mrs. GAYATHRI, D/o. Late. Sri. Lakshmana, Aged about, 31 years, **4.** Mrs. GANGA, D/o. Late. Sri. Lakshmana, Aged about 29 years, **5.** Mrs. GANGADHARA, D/o. Late. Sri. Lakshmana, Aged about 27 years, **6.** Mr. RAJAPPA, S/o. Late. Krishnappa, Aged about 48 years, **7.** Mrs. RATHNAMMA, W/o. Late. Sri. Nagaraj, Aged about 50 years, **8.** Mr. VENKATESH, S/o. late. Sri. Nagaraj, Aged about 26 years, **9.** Mr. RAVI, S/o. Late. Sri. Nagaraj, Aged about 24 years, **10.** Mrs. RAJAMMA, D/o. Late. Sri. Krishnappa, Aged about 47 years, **11.** Mr. VENKATESH, S/o. Late. Sri. Chinappa, Aged about 65 years, **12.** Mrs. SAROJAMMA, D/o. Late. Chinappa, Aged about, 63 years, **13.** Mrs. MUNIRATHNAMMA, D/o. Late Chinappa, Aged about, 60 years, **14.** Mr. SATHYAPPA @ SATHISH, S/o. Late. Chinappa, Aged about 55 years, **15.** Mrs. GANGAMMA, D/o. Late. Sri. Muniswamy, Aged about 75 years, **16.** Mrs. CHINAMMA, W/o. Late. Annaya, Aged about 60 years, **17.** Mr. MUNESWAMY, S/o. Late. Annaya, Aged about 28 years, **18.** Mr. JAYANNA, S/o. Late. Muniswamy, Aged about 65 years, **19.** Mr. GOVINDAPPA, S/o. Late. Thimmaiah, Aged about, 57 years, **20.** Mrs. MUNIRATHNAMMA, W/o. Govindappa, Aged about 52 years

**DEFENDANTS 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 AND 11 TO 24 (In all 20)**
Residing at, Kembathalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Gottigere Post, Bannergatta Main Road, **Bangalore - 560083.**

Whereas, the Plaintiff has filed a Suit for Partition of their ancestral property under order 7 Rule 1 and 2 of CPC - 1908, against you to obtain the relief of their respective share in the ancestral property of the family, you the Defendants are hereby summoned to by to appear in person or through your pleader duly instructed before **II ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE RURAL COURT.**

Take notice that in default of your appear appearance.

**On the 28th Day of February 2024 at 11:00 A.M.** The Suit will be heard and determined in your absence placing you as ex-parte.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

1. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.11/1, measuring 1-04 guntas situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Sy No. 11/2 and Pillagnahalli boundaries, West by: Kembathhalli village, North by Sy No.9-10, village, South by Sy No.12,15,16,17.
2. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.14/1, measuring 2-12 guntas situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by :Sy.No.14/2, West by : Sy No.15, North by Sy No.12, South by Sy.No.26.
3. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.22/2, measuring 1-17 guntas situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Sy.No.19. West by: Sy.No.22/1, North by: Sy.No.21, South by: Sy.No.23.
4. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No.24/2 measuring 0-39 guntas situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Sy.No.25, West by: Sy.No.23, North by: Sy.No.24/1, South by: Sy.No.23.
5. All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy No.25/3 Kembathhalli All the piece and parcel of the land bearing measuring 0-33 guntas situated at Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Sy. No.26, West by: Sy.No.24, North by: Sy. No.25/1, 25/2, South by: Sy No.23.
6. All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy. No: 96/2, measuring 0-03 guntas, situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Sy.No.96/5, West by: Sy.No.95, North by: Sy.No.95/1, South by: Sy No.96/3.
7. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No.86/6, measuring 0-04 guntas situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Sy.No.87 West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property, South by: Private Property.
8. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No.86/7, measuring 0-09 guntas situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Sy.No.87, West by: Sy.No.86/3, North by: Sy.No.86/6, South by: Halla.
9. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing kanishkari no. 13 V.P. Katha no. 22, measuring 1080 Sq.ft, situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: 8 feet road, West by: House belongs to Venkateshappa, North by: Remaining property of Krishnappa, South by: House belongs to Jayanna.
10. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing kanishkari No. 22, BBMP Site no.22/1 measuring East to West 16 feet, North to South 17 feet, totally 272 Sq.ft, situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Land of Rajamma, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Road and Land of Somanna
11. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing kanishkari No. 22, BBMP Site no. 22/2 measuring East to West 29 feet, North to South 27+26.4/2 feet, totally 744.3 Sq.ft. situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Road and Land of Krishnappa, South by: Road.
12. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing kanishkari No. 22, BBMP Site no.22/3 measuring East to West 15 feet, North to South 17 feet, totally 255 Sq.ft, situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Land of Nagaraju, West by: Land of Krishnappa, North by: Road, South by: Road.
13. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing kanishkari No. 22, BBMP Site no.22/4 measuring East to West 36.8 feet, North to South 24.8+26.8/2 feet, totally 949.44 Sq.ft, situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Land of Rajappa, West by: Land of Rajamma, North by: Land of Subbakka and Road, South by: Land of Gowramma.
14. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing kanishkari No. 22, BBMP Site no.22/5 measuring East to West 30.1 feet, North to South 28.7 feet, totally 863.87 Sq.ft, situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Land of Lakshmanna, West by: Land of Nagaraju, North by: Remaining Land of Rajappa and Road, South by: Land of Gangamma.
15. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing kanishkari No. 22, BBMP Site no.22/6 measuring East to West 29.1 feet, North to South 32 feet, totally 931.2 Sq.ft, situated at Kembathhalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Road and Land of Krishnappa, South by: Road.
16. All the piece and parcel of the land bearing kanishkari No 22, BBMP Site no.22/7 measuring East to West 44 feet, North to South 6+3.6/2 feet, totally 255.3 Sq.ft, situated at Kembathhalli Sillage, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru North taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Road, West by: Land of Sampangi, North by: Road, South by: Land of Govindappa.

Issued under my hand and seal of this court, on this 19th day of January 2024.

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bangalore Rural Dist., Bangalore.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to bring the attention of general public that the below mentioned Reg. Joint Development Agreements Dt.13.02.2020 and Reg. Power of Attorneys Dt.13.02.2020 executed by our clients/land owners1) Smt. Rizwana Begum, 2) Smt. Haseena Begum 3) Smt. Mohsina Begum, 4) Sri. Mudassir Pasha 5) Sri. Muzammil Pasha 6) Smt. Musarath Begum 7) Sri. Muzakkir Pasha 8) Sri. Riyaz Pasha 9) Smt. Haseena Begum 10) Smt. Mohammadi Sabreen Riyaz 11) Sri. Mohammad Owais Pasha 12) Smt. Mohammadi Sanober Riyaz and 13) Sri. Mohammad Inaam Pasha,with and in favour of M/s. Efil Developers and M/s. Eden Developers, having its principal office at No. 14, Namb Arcade, 4th Floor, above Federal Bank, Banaswadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560043, represented by its partners Sri. S. Jayachandra Reddy, Sri. N. Bhupathi, Sri. N. V. Gowda, and Sri. Bhaskar Reddy, with respect to property bearing Sy.No.75/1, Sy.No.75/6, Sy.No.76, Sy.No.77, Sy.No.78, Sy.No.74/1, Sy.No.74/2, Sy.No.75/2, Sy.No.75/3, Sy.No.75/4, and Sy.No.75/5, situated at Chollappanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, stands cancelled by virtue of issue of Legal Notice Dt.29.11.2023 to said M/s. Efil Developers and M/s. Eden Developers

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**I. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-1/F-114 /23-24/6755-60** Dated: 20.01.2024

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from **Reputed Manpower Agency** for the following work in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

**1.** Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1 /23-24/18 dated: 18.01.2024**, Tender for Providing **Manpower Services on contract basis** to TLM Sub-division Davanagere coming under Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

**II. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-1/F-114 /23-24/ 6761-66** Dated: 20.01.2024

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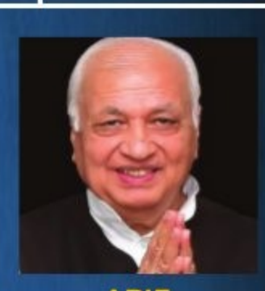

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# Why it makes sense to make prepayment of your home loan

Home loan borrowers can make prepayments in the early part of the tenure, as in later part of the tenure, major part of EMI goes towards payment of principal amount

DIPAK MONDAL @New Delhi

HOME loans are usually very long-term liabilities with tenure running from 20-30 years. It is always a psychological burden on an individual to have a liability over such a long period.

Therefore, it is always advised to pay off the home loan before the full tenure of the loan. Of course, it not only sets you free from liability, it also helps you save on interest cost.

Typically, in a 20-year home loan, one ends up paying up to 100-130% of the loan amount as interest depending on the average interest rate over the tenure of the loan.

For example, for a 50-lakh loan over 20 years at an average interest of 10%, one would pay ₹65.80 lakh in interest. If the average interest rate is 9% over the tenure of the loan, you pay an interest of almost ₹58 lakh on a loan of ₹50 lakh.

Paying off early can reduce the interest cost by a substantial amount, depending on how and when you are prepaying the loan.

Continuing with the earlier example, where one takes a ₹ 50-lakh loan over the 20-year tenure at 10% interest. After 10 years of paying the EMI, the outstanding loan would still be around ₹36.69 lakh.

If one pre-pays ₹10 lakh at the start of the 11th year, his loan would be fully paid off in the next 74 months (instead of 120th). And the overall interest cost comes down by 18.5% to ₹53.65 lakh (from ₹65.80 lakh). Clearly, there is a strong case for pre-paying your home loan.

### WAYS OF PRE-PAYING HOME LOANS

The good thing about home loans is that prepayment or early closure of loans do not attract any additional cost. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has prohibited banks from charging any prepayment penalty or foreclosure charges on floating rate loans. Most home loans come with floating rates, which means banks can change interest rates as and when required.Therefore, it makes all the more sense to prepay your home loan to not just reduce the interest cost but also close it ahead of the tenure.

Here are the different ways in which one can prepay the home loan.

**Increasing the EMI:** For the first couple of years after taking the home loan, you may feel the EMI heavy on your monthly budget. But subsequently, with increase in salary or income, one can afford to increase the EMI and pay off the loan earlier than the full tenure.

A good 20-25% increase in monthly EMI can substantially reduce your loan tenure as well as the interest cost. The EMI increase can be done through an online application without having to go to the bank branch.

**Paying lump sum amount:** Another way is to make payment in lump sum amount after an interval. It can be a one big payment after say after 10 years, or smaller amounts every 2-3 years. Even a ₹2 lakh payment of principal can bring down the EMI tenure by a few months, meaning quicker closure of the loan and as a result lower interest cost.

**Balance transfer:** One can transfer the outstanding loan to another bank which is charging a lower interest rate.

Balance transfer usually comes with a cost, therefore, it is advised that one should opt for the balance transfer only if the difference in the rates is high.

While shifting to lower rates, ensure you do not reduce your EMI amount. That way you benefit from both a lower tenure and a lower interest cost. Usually, your existing bank also offers you a lower rate after charging a nominal fee. Do check this option first before transferring your balance amount to another bank, unless you have more reasons to change the bank.

"Prepayment of home loans can help you save interest. Even if you make the part payment, you can either ask the lender to reduce your home loan EMI or it can simply help you in reduction of tenure," says Pankaj Mathpal, founder and managing director of Optima Money Managers.

### RIGHT TIME TO PRE-PAY

However, experts advise people to make the prepayments in the early part of the tenure rather than at the fag end of the tenure.According to Pankaj Mathpal, it may not be a wise decision to prepay the loan especially when you have already completed a large part of the tenure because in the end a major part of your EMI goes towards principal and only a small portion goes towards interest."You may like to invest the capital instead of repaying the loan as the interest burden is very low. Also, you should consider the tax benefits on loan before you plan to foreclose it," he says.

**INTEREST COST ON A ₹50-LAKH LOAN**

| Interest (%) | Tenure (years) 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | ₹36 L | ₹50.37 L | ₹65.77 L | ₹82 L |
| 8.5 | ₹38.62 L | ₹54.13 L | ₹70.78 L | ₹88.4 L |
| 9 | ₹41.28 L | ₹57.96 L | ₹75.87 L | ₹94.83 L |
| 9.5 | ₹43.98 L | ₹61.85 L | ₹81.05 L | ₹101 L |
| 10 | ₹46.71 L | ₹65.80 L | ₹86.30 L | ₹108 L |
| 10.5 | ₹49.48 L | ₹69.80 L | ₹91.62 L | ₹115 L |

L= Lakh

**PROS OF EARLY CLOSURE**

- Paying off early can reduce the interest cost by a substantial amount
- Prepayment do not attract any additional cost
- Prepayment of home loans can help you save interest

MONEY MATTERS

# WHY YOU MUST HAVE FAITH IN FINANCIAL ASSETS

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

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THERE is a festive atmosphere to celebrate faith. As you get together with your friends and family and rejoice, you may also want to think about your faith in personal finances. Most Indian households have unequivocal faith in property and gold as asset classes for investments.

There is a euphoria in the real estate sector. The NSE Nifty Realty index has doubled over the past year when the benchmark index like the Nifty gained merely 19-20%. Investors see robust growth in companies' profits in the real estate sector. A surge in the property sector primarily drives that. You are buying more real estate than before. A traditional middle-class home in India owns a home and buys another to let. The idea is to generate a second source of income. It is prevalent across the country.

However, investing in property is just one of many things you can do as an investor. It is not necessarily a rewarding idea. Average rental yields in India are not more than 1% of the property investment in major cities. Rental yields in major financial centres like London are 7-8%. You are investing far too much money for absolute cashflows that you get as rent. It is locked up in a house that barely generates a return to justify that effort.

If you have a home loan, it gets even more difficult. This column has discussed the option of real estate investment trusts or REITs. If you are bullish about the rental income sector, you can own a commercial complex in fragments and generate a steady return in the long term. These companies know the right places to own commercial premises and generate a rental income. Such an income is distributed among shareholders regularly. While there is little capital appreciation, you can generate a dividend income from REITs.

The other physical asset is gold. It is witnessing a significant interest from large institutions like central banks. The interest from Indian households remains as strong as ever, too. If you want to invest in gold, you may want to look at gold exchange-traded funds. While gold has had a good track record regarding the price movement, it is a hedge against extreme events. Most experts recommend a 10-15% allocation to gold as an investment in your long-term portfolio.

### The matter of faith

Financial assets need some bit of faith when it comes to financial planning. You are more likely to meet your long-term financial goals with adequate investment in financial assets. If you go back to data on the Nifty Realty index since it started in 2010, it has barely doubled in value. The NSE Nifty has jumped three and a half times over the same 14 years.

That means if you invested in shares of companies that sell property, you just doubled your money. However, the money invested over 14 years in 50 Nifty stocks grew multiple times.

When it comes to the long-term, you need to make it an issue of faith. Stock markets have a proven track record to generate a reasonably higher return than any other asset classes over the long term.

We are talking about 15 years. That is the time frame you consider while putting aside money for retirement or your young child's education. When you invest your money in equity assets and stay invested, you give it a chance to grow. You should invest the money you do not need now in equity assets. The key is to stay invested and give it a chance to grow. While over 15 years of equity investing could be rewarding, you must also appreciate the trajectory equity prices take while generating that superior return. The overall return could be higher, but it could vary up or down based on prospects for future profits. You must educate yourself about that and ensure you have enough money to meet your emergency needs before you begin to invest in equity assets. According to the industry association data, mutual funds are struggling to keep investors beyond five years. Equity assets need more faith than that.

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# WHO SHOULD CONSIDER ELSS FOR TAX SAVING?

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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*(Views expressed here are personal)*

WITH the financial year-end on the horizon, several tax payers will now wake up to the need of completing their tax saving investments. There are multiple options on offer but the sole pure equity option in this category is the Equity Linked Saving Scheme (ELSS) offered by Mutual Fundhouses.

The Unit Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP) product offered by insurance companies is another popular option, where the lock-in is restricted to 5 years though ideally one should hold it for longer tenure to optimize returns. In case of ULIPs, the investor also has the advantage of two way fungibility between Equity and Debt.

For almost all the remaining Tax Saving instruments, including the Tax Saving Bank Deposits, the underlying investment vehicle is debt and the minimum lock-in period is at least 5 years, with some having even longer holding tenures.

Of such investment options, the Public Provident Fund (PPF) remains the most popular tax saving debt based investment for those averse to equity. The lock-in period is 5 times longer than ELSS, though the returns unlike ELSS are still tax-free.

When one looks at the relative 3 year performance of the ELSS as compared to its alternative tax saving instruments, on more occasions than not it has been superior. The reason for focusing on 3 year returns here is simply because the lock-in period for ELSS is 3 years which makes it the shortest tenure tax saving instrument.

Besides its plus points of being the only tax saving instrument where the underlying asset class is equity and its being locked in for just 3 years, there is another unique feature that the ELSS offers investors.Once the funds complete 3 years of investment, the same can be redeemed and reinvested without having to bother about a fresh infusion of funds to save taxes under Section 80C. Hence, the outflows can be restricted to three years and thereafter, the funds can be rolled over if needed, thus not impacting a tax payers liquidity.

This of course must be accompanied by the caveat that there is an underlying assumption of there being at least a status quo in the sum invested if not appreciation. But, like I mentioned before, historical evidence suggests that it is the case, more often than not. It must be noted though that such a fund rollover will unfortunately attract Capital Gains Tax on the profit made.

While discussing ELSS with anyone, I have often made the point that investors in ELSS would do well to consider completing it during the early part of the year so that their compounding tenure increases.Alternatively, one could plan it as an SIP and let it run on auto-pilot for at least 3 years. Hence, assuming one is claiming their entire Section 80C base entitlement of ₹1.5 lakh via ELSS, then an ongoing monthly SIP of ₹12,500 could be optimal and part of the investor's SIP Plan.Finally, one must choose their tax saving investment based on their risk appetite. For younger investors with a relatively higher risk appetite, ELSS could be the optimal route.

# Tata Steel to allocate 8.65 cr shares to Tinplate Company shareholders

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE board of Tata steel has approved allotment of 8.65 crore fully paid-up equity shares (face value ₹1) of the company to eligible shareholders of Tinplate Company of India Limited (TCIL).

The allotment is part of TCIL's merger with Tata Steel. The merger got effective from 15 January 2024. As part of the merger, 33 fully paid-up ordinary equity shares of the company of face value ₹1 each will be allotted for every 10 fully paid-up equity shares of TCIL of face value ₹10.

The Scheme of Amalgamation was approved by the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal through its order dated October 20 2023 and the Kolkata bench of NCLT through an order dated 1 January 2024. These ordinary equity shares are proposed to be listed and traded on BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited.

Tata Steel shares closed at ₹ 134 on Saturday, while TCIL shares which last traded on 18 January closed at ₹430.55. Of the 8.65 core Tata Steel shares, 17,019 shares will be allotted to TSL-TCIL Fractional Share Entitlement Trust towards fractional entitlements of eligible shareholders of TCIL. Another 18,60,864 shares of Tata Steel will be allotted to 'Tata Steel Limited - Unclaimed Securities - Suspense Escrow Demat Account TSL-TCIL Merger' maintained with Standard Chartered Bank, Fort Branch, Mumbai, representing in aggregate the equity shares of eligible shareholders of TCIL holding equity shares in physical form as on the Record Date (19 January) and whose individual demat account details are yet to be made available to the company as on the date of allotment.

# Customs on ecomm: India must push for end of moratorium, say experts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

AHEAD of the 13th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to be held from February 26-29, 2024 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, experts have advised the Indian government to oppose the extension of moratorium on customs duties on online deliveries of music, e-books, films, software, and video games.

Analysts say that ending the moratorium should be a key priority of the Indian government during the conference.

"As the longest-running moratorium in WTO history, India must argue that its continued extension without concrete progress on resolving underlying concerns is detrimental to developing countries seeking to leverage digital trade for development," says Ajay Srivastava, founder of the think tank Global Trade Research Initiative.

The moratorium has been in place since 1998, and 105 countries support the moratorium saying that the moratorium maintains certainty and predictability for businesses and consumers, especially during the pandemic.

However, India and South Africa have opposed the moratorium of customs duties on electronic sale of online contents. The two countries have referred to data from the UN Conference on Trade and Development that claimed that the moratorium leads to a global loss of $10 billion every year in potential customs duties, with 95% of this loss borne by developing countries. The two countries have also sought more clarity on what exactly constitutes electronic transmission.

According to trade experts, India must emphasise the need for policy space to enact regulations and domestic support measures for its burgeoning e-commerce sector.

This includes the ability to levy customs duties on electronic transmissions to generate revenue and foster a level playing field for domestic businesses.

India must also, say experts, urge that e-commerce discussions should go beyond the moratorium and cover broader issues such as data privacy, cybersecurity, and consumer protection. India should also advocate for a comprehensive approach to e-commerce regulation that considers all related aspects.

# Reliance to commission new energy giga complex

PTI @New Delhi

BILLIONAIRE Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd will commission a new energy giga complex in Gujarat in the second half of 2024, the company said in an earnings statement and investor call.

Reliance is building a giga complex spread over 5,000 acres in Jamnagar in Gujarat. The complex comprises five giga factories for photovoltaic panels, fuel cell system, green hydrogen, energy storage and power electronics.

"On track to commence new energy facilities in phases this year," the company said in a post-third-quarter earnings call with investors.

Post announcement of third-quarter earnings on Friday, Ambani stated that the "New Energy Giga Complex is all set to be commissioned in the second half of CY24. I am confident that Reliance's New Energy business will play a pivotal role in the global movement for adoption of cleaner fuels."

The Dhirubhai Ambani Green Energy Giga Complex will be among the largest integrated renewable energy manufacturing facilities in the world.

Reliance has signed an MoU with the Gujarat government to set up 100 gigawatt renewable power at ₹5 lakh crore capex. It has received in-principle approval for 74,750 hectares (ha.) of land parcels in Kutch for green hydrogen.

The firm has strategically invested in ten global technology innovators with strong expertise across the new energy value chain. "Reliance is nearing the commissioning of the first tranche of 5GW module manufacturing capacity in mid-CY24," Nuvama said in a January 17 note.

## *Milan goalkeeper walks off field after racist chants*

AC Milan goalkeeper Mike Maignan walked off the field after being subjected to racist chants by Udinese fans during a top-tier Italian league game on Saturday — prompting the match to be suspended briefly during the first half. The Serie A game resumed about five minutes after the suspension. Milan won 3-2.



# Khelo India: Delhi bag 2 gold; Tamil Nadu assured of 5 squash medals

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

HOSTS Tamil Nadu and Delhi clinched two gold medals each while Punjab, Gujarat, Chandigarh and Manipur added one each to their tally at the Khelo India Youth Games here on Sunday.

Navyaa SH clinched the day's first gold in women's traditional yoga and fencer Arlin AV bagged the men's Sabre gold defeating Haryana's Lakshya Badser 15-14 to take Tamil Nadu's tally to four gold and two bronze. Delhi jumped to the second spot in the medals tally after their judokas clinched two of the five gold medals on offer and bagged two silver medals at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium. In Judo, Delhi's Tannu Mann defeated Jaanvi Yadav to clinch the women's 48kg gold while Anurag Sagar (55kg) beat Punjab's Nakul Arora. Deeksha bagged the silver in the women's 44 kg category after losing to Ankita N of Gujarat. Chandigarh's Sapna (women's 40kg) and Punjab's Shivansh Vashisht (men's 50kg) clinched the other gold medals on offer.

Earlier in the day, Tamil Nadu's Navyaa SH added the second gold from Yogasana with a total score of 64.75. West Bengal's Aranya Hutait (64.42 points) and Ritu Mondal (63.5 points) clinched the silver and bronze, respectively. In the fencing competition held at TNPESU, Manipur's K Abhinash defeated Tejas Patil of Maharashtra 15-9 in the men's Foil final. Defending men's champion Haryana set up a summit clash against Rajasthan with a facile 45-28 victory over Maharashtra in Kabaddi.

Odisha beat Tamil Nadu 6-1 in the hockey match on Sunday; Judokas in action at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium | ASHWIN PRASATH

In the Squash men's quarterfinals, Tavneet Singh Mundra from Madhya Pradesh defeated Ansh Tripathi 11-8, 11-6, 11-6. Sandhesh PR of Tamil Nadu won Meyyappan L 11-9, 11-9, 11-5. Arihant KS overcame Karan Yadav from Uttar Pradesh, finishing 11-9, 4-11, 11-2, 11-8. In a gripping encounter, Avalokit Singh from Rajasthan went down to Aryan Pratap Singh from Uttar Pradesh 12-14, 14-12, 5-11, 11-8, 9-11. In the women's quarterfinals, Pooja Arthi overcame Yashi Jain of Rajasthan 11-4, 11-4, 11-6. The team events will commence on Monday. **Results: Squash (Quarterfinals): Singles: Men:** Tavneet Singh Mundra (MP) bt Ansh Tripathi (UP) 11-8, 11-6, 11-6; Sandhesh PR (TN) bt L Meyyappan (TN) 11-9, 11-9, 11-5; Arihant KS (TN) bt Karan Yadav (UP) 11-9, 4-11, 11-2, 11-8; Aryan Pratap Singh (UP) bt Avalokit Singh (RJ) 14-12, 12-14, 11-5, 8-11, 11-9; **Women:** Pooja Arthi R (TN) bt Yashi Jain (RJ) 11-4, 11-4, 11-6; Deepika V (TN) bt Chhavi Saran (RJ) 11-5, 11-6, 11-9; Shameena Riaz (TN) bt Khushboo (UP) 11-2, 11-0, 11-4; Niruparna Dubey (MH) bt Unnati Tripathi (UP) 14-12, 5-11, 12-10, 14-16, 11-9; **Basketball: Women: Group A:** Uttar Pradesh bt Mizoram 109-52; **Group B:** Rajasthan bt Chandigarh 76-74; Tamil Nadu bt Karnataka 99-72; **Women: Group A:** Maharashtra bt Kerala 81-54; Tamil Nadu bt Chandigarh 109-45; Group B: Punjab bt Uttar Pradesh 88-25; Fencing: **Men: Sabre:** Gold medal match: Arlin AV (TN) bt Lakshya Badser (HR) 15-14; Bronze: Abhishek (HR), Shirish Angal (MH); **Foil:** K Abhinash (MN) bt Tejas Patil (MH) 15-9; Bronze: Sachin (HR), Rohan Shah (MH); **Judo: Women: 40kg:** Gold: Sapna (CHG), Silver: Sommya Rani Kadapala (AP), Bronze: Kritika Soni (HP), Neelam (UK); **44kg:** Gold: Ankita N (GJ), Silver: Deeksha (DL); Bronze: Roshivina M (Man), Yuvika Tokas (DL); **48kg:** Gold: Tannu Mann (DL), Silver: Jaanvi Yadav (DL), Bronze: Bhakti Bhosale (MH), Nancy (HR); Women: 50kg: Gold: Shivansh Vashisht (PB), Silver: Mohit Moolya (MH), Bronze: Rickson Debbarma (TRI), Tang Tada (ARP); **55kg:** Gold: Anurag Sagar (DL), Silver: Nakul Arora (PB), Bronze: Om Sameer H (MH), Yohenba Y (MN); **Hockey: Women: Group A:** Chhattisgarh bt Tamil Nadu 6-0; Madhya Pradesh bt Mizoram 4-2; **Group B:** Odisha bt Jharkhand 5-1; Haryana bt Punjab 10-0; **Men: Group A:** Odisha bt Tamil Nadu 6-1, Madhya Pradesh bt Punjab 3-2; Kabaddi: semifinals: **Men:** Rajasthan bt Tamil Nadu 41-23; Haryana bt Maharashtra 45-28; **Yogasana: Women:** Traditional: Gold: Navyaa SH (TN) 64.75 points; Silver: Aranya Hutait (WB) 64.42; Bronze: Ritu Mondal (WB) 63.5. **Full story: newindianexpress.com**

# SatChi confident despite India Open heartbreak

After losing final, World No. 2 pair determined to come back stronger

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

IT was a tense spell of play as Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty struggled to find answers. Having played with much authority in the opening game of their men's doubles final, it was a rather bizarre scene as the World No 2 pair was suddenly reduced to collecting the shuttle and passing it back to their rivals. Their struggle could be sensed through the crowd, who had gradually started to lose their voice, here at the KD Jadhav Indoor Hall. It was a period where they conceded nine consecutive points. That was the Indian pair's start of downfall on Sunday as they missed out on a title by a whisker for the second consecutive week, this time in front of the home fans here at the India Open.

After displaying their quintessential style of play in the first game against the Korean duo of Kang Min Hyuk and Seo Seung Jae (World No 3), they lost the plot in the second game and eventually conceded the match (21-15, 11-21, 18-21). Satwik lamented about the aforementioned spell. "We started off quite well in the first game, but in the second, we couldn't really start well. In no time, we were down by 11-5. From then on, it was quite difficult to come back, and yes, they were quite a formidable defensive pair," he assessed.

This latest defeat was certainly a dampener for the Khel Ratnas. Having come so far, that too in front of home fans, Satwik is understandably dejected after letting this opportunity slip. Having said that, he's also quick to point out the positives (a valid one of course). "Overall, we are sad about losing the final in our home tournament. But, there are a lot of positives, the last two weeks have been really good," Satwik was suggesting their runners-up effort at the Malaysia Open last week.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (L) and Chirag Shetty finished runners-up | PARVEEN NEGI

Playing back-to-back finals at the elite level is no mean feat. The shuttlers, who have made a healthy habit of challenging for titles, will have to get used to the rigours of playing more often at a high level. Chirag is pragmatic with regards to their current state and is confident that things will fall in place eventually. "There was a certain fatigue going on (because of playing consecutive finals). We have never played two back-to-back finals (Super 500 or Super 750 level), so it's a positive thing that we have been playing quite consistently. We just need to look at the bigger picture, and I know that things will eventually turn in our favour," he noted.

On the day, the Korean shuttlers showed why they are the reigning world champions. Despite conceding the first game, they maintained their composure. With a healthy balance of attack and defence, they forced the Indian duo to make mistakes on multiple occasions. Even in the third game, the Indians continued to chase them hard. The gap had come down to merely one point towards the business end. That's when they stepped up big time to spoil the party for most onlookers present here. The doubles duo will have some time to reflect as they'll be taking some time off before attempting another big run. The duo's hunger and commitment to master their craft has made them heavyweights in the BWF circuit over the years. And they're sticking to that mindset going forward. "Our thing is to keep our heads down and keep working on the big titles to come. We will start again in the next few days for the All England and French Open," Satwik declared.

Before the French Open and All England, they are scheduled to take part in the Badminton Asia Team Championships (Malaysia, February 13-19). Given that they have reversed their fortunes after similar setbacks over the years, Satwik and Chirag can certainly come back stronger and make a case for titles.

**Full story: newindianexpress.com**

# Pickleball destination: Ice Water arena in EA

GOMESH S @Chennai

AFTER a successful national meet in Ahmedabad last month, pickleball, especially in Tamil Nadu, is receiving a major boost with the launch of the Ice Water sporting arena — the outdoor sporting facility has three pickleball courts along with a Futsal and box cricket arenas — at the Express Avenue Mall in Chennai on Sunday.

The state-of-the-art facility, spread across 20,000 sq. ft, comes at a time when the sport is getting a whole new set of fans and players from across age-groups in the country. K Mohit Kumar, general secretary of Tamil Nadu Pickleball Association, is understandably delighted. "Visibility wise, it is going to be huge. The Express Avenue has been very helpful to the TNPA throughout. Creating awareness is very important because pickleball is a new sport. Even today, one per cent of Tamil Nadu population do not know the sport. This is a very big step for awareness," he said, before adding "this is ideal for a small tournament format, for a league format. We are hoping to do a TN league that carries over two weekends."

The popularity factor cannot be understated. What started as a community sport in the USA now has 80 official countries and there are discussions as to whether pickleball could be a part of the 2032 Brisbane Olympics. In fact, more than 150 slots for the Ice Water arena were pre-booked before even the facility was made open. And yet, it has not reached a significant portion of the public in India. Even actor Arya, who tried his hand at the sport on Sunday, said that it was the first time he is playing the sport. "It is one of the fast-growing sports. I think it is a lot of fun, it is different from badminton and tennis, has a table-tennis feel to it as well. So it's a bit of all three," he said amidst a flock of fans, trying to get a glimpse of the actor. Kavita Singhania, Managing Director of EIPL, said that the Ice Water will be more than just a sporting facility. "As the arena opens its doors, it is set to create a legacy that will resonate for years to come, marking a significant chapter in Chennai's sporting history," she said in a statement.

Apart from being made available to the public, who can book their slots at *icewater.in*, the facility will also have a dedicated time for coaching when people, who are new to pickleball can come in and train themselves in the sport. Vimalraj Jayachandran, a professional tennis player who had an ITF singles ranking of 2554 (August 2019), has been playing for TNPA since last year and he will be involved in the coaching as well. "We have slot bookings, we do coaching as well. But, also professional players can come here and train as well with friends. Coaching is from 4-6PM Monday-Friday and weekends are full of slot bookings. The coaching will be for kids or adults who are trying to get into the sport, we will be helping them out.

The main goal is to promote the sport. We have categories from junior, 35+, open, 60+, 50+, so all age-groups can come and play. We also have membership, players can come and play with their friends," said Vimalraj.

ICE WATER
SPORTING ARENA
What? Three state-of-art pickleball courts, a Futsal and box cricket arena
Where? Express Avenue Mall, Chennai
IS IT OPEN FOR PUBLIC? The facility is open for general public and can be booked online at *Icewater.in* to fix a time slot.
HOW MUCH IS THE COST? ₹1000/HOUR Pickleball

Kavita Singhania (second from left), Managing Director of EIPL, actors Redin Kingsley (centre) and Arya (second from right) inaugurate the Ice Water Sporting Arena at the Express Avenue Mall in Chennai on Sunday | D SAMPATHKUMAR

EXPRESS READ

### Third win helps Gukesh to take joint lead

WIJK AAN ZEE: Indian GM D Gukesh beat Dutch player Max Warmerdam for his third victory on the trot and elevated himself to a joint lead after the seventh round of the Tata Steel Masters Chess tournament. He now shares the lead with Nodirbek Abdusattarov of Uzbekistan and Anish Giri of Netherlands.

### Singh wins gold at Asian Marathon C'ships

HONG KONG: Man Singh became only the second Indian man to clinch a gold medal at the Asian Marathon Championships as he won the race with a personal best time on Sunday. Man Singh clocked 2:14:19 to win the competition. Singh's time was below the Paris Olympics qualifying mark of 2:08:10.

### Ethiopian domination in Mumbai Marathon

MUMBAI: Ethiopian runners expectedly dominated the Mumbai Marathon as defending champion Hayle Lemi Berhanu and Aberash Minsewo won the men's and women's titles respectively, on Sunday. Among Indian men, Srinu Bugatha recorded the best finish with a timing of 2:17:29.

# Sai Kishore spins TN to innings win

AGENCIES @Chennai

SKIPPER R Sai Kishore came up with a phenomenal bowling performance as his seven-wicket match-haul in the Ranji Trophy Elite Group C game helped Tamil Nadu trump Railways by an innings and 129 runs on the third day here on Sunday.

Railways began the day on 126/2 in their first innings against Tamil Nadu's 489 but were bowled out for 246 as pacer Sandeep Warrier and left-arm spinner Sai Kishore shared 6 wickets equally among them. With the hosts enforcing the follow-on, things went from bad to worse for Railways, as it could manage just 114 in their second essay. Meanwhile, a clueless Delhi suffered another embarrassing defeat, their second in three games this season, with an 86-run loss to Madhya Pradesh in their Elite Group D match.

**SELECT SCORES** TN 489 **bt** Railways 246 in 79.4 ovs (Pratham 92; Sai Kishore 3/72, Warrier 3/61) & 114 in 44 ovs (Sai Kishore 4/43, Ajith 4/40); MP 171 & 251 in 78.1 ovs (Shubham 73; Chauhan 4/69, Shokeen 4/61) **bt** Delhi 205 & 131 in 53.5 ovs (Kandpal 49 n.o; Jain 2/10, Khejroliya 2/30); Sikkim 79 & 186 in 48.3 ovs (Sumit 34, Milind 3/14) **lost to** Hyderabad 463/4 in 78.1 ovs; Mumbai 251 & 319 in 97.4 ovs (Lalwani 88, Bista 73; Saxena 4/80) vs Kerala 24/0 in 6 ovs; Andhra 188 & 334/9 in 90 ovs (Bhui 125; Sarmah 5/66) vs Assam 160 & 81/5 in 24 ovs (Parag 46 batting); Odisha 130 & 198 in 67 ovs (Sandeep P 100 n.o; Nabi 4/73) vs J&K 180 & 72/4 in 23.2 ovs; Goa 321 & 93/1 in 27 ovs (Siddarth 57 batting) vs Karnataka 498/9 in 126.4 ovs (Padikkal 103, Nikin Jose 107).

# Raiza-Gurjoat pair wins bronze medal

AGENCIES @Kuwait City

YOUNG Raiza Dhillon, who had secured a Paris Olympics quota for India, partnered with Gurjoat Khangura to clinch a bronze in the skeet mixed team event and pick up her third medal of the Asia Olympic Qualification Shotgun competition. The Indian pair outshot Abdullah Alrashidi and Eman Al Shama 41-39. India concluded the event with one gold, three silver and four bronze medals for a fourth place finish.

# *Rohit is India's trump card, says ex-Eng spinner Panesar*

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

MONTY Panesar has singled out Rohit Sharma as the big-wicket for England ahead of the five-Test series beginning in Hyderabad on Thursday.

"Over the last few years, Sharma has played a big role (with the bat) but we don't talk about it often enough," Pansesar, who played a big role in England's series win in 2012, told this daily. "He sets it up for the other batters. If he goes after the (James) Anderson and the spinners, the ball can go soft pretty quickly. The seam disappears and that makes it easier for the middle-order. If that consistently happens... if Sharma bats through the initial 20-30 overs in the series, I think India will win the series easily." The numbers back up Panesar's assessment. The skipper is comfortably clear in terms of runs (677) scored in India in Tests since the beginning of 2021. His two 100s in that time period is also the best. Even if some of the pitches the hosts have played on may have been treacherous, Sharma's mastery of the conditions has led to some big scores. Of course, England were on the receiving end when he made a thrill-a-minute 161 in the second Test at Chennai in 2021.

There is considerable interest in the upcoming series, not least because of England's documented approach to red-ball cricket. Under Brendon McCullum (coach) and Ben Stokes (captain), they have been focusing on attacking, front-foot cricket from the off, irrespective of the conditions. They have got the desired results so there is little reason to change. But it could all go pear shaped in less than a session. Panesar was cognizant of that. "We may have a proper contest if it comes off," the left-armer said. "It could also easily crumble like we saw at the World Cup. If their game falls like a deck of cards, India will just say 'we told you so, Bazball cannot happen in India.'"

While Panesar hoped for a good contest, he was left in no doubt when it was time to make his prediction. "I don't think Bazball will win in India... India will win the series, just the margin will be dependent on England's strategy." A part of their strategy, Panesar hoped, would be empowering Shoaib Bashir, a tall off-break bowler who has only played six first-class games. "I'm looking forward to seeing Bashir," he said. "He's tall, got big hands and long fingers, will be a very interesting bowler to watch. He can extract more bounce from that good length area, can be that x-factor spinner if he can hold his nerve.

"One wonders how Stokes skippers him. I think he will ask him to bowl full and tell him 'I don't mind you if go for runs but get me wickets... 5/100 in 16 overs is fine. The Indian batters are superstars but let's dangle the carrot and play with their egos a bit.' I think that will be the message that McCullum and Stokes will tell."

### Brook returns home

Middle-order batter Dan Lawrence will replace Harry Brook in the England squad for the Test series against India after the latter returned home because of personal reasons, the ECB announced on Sunday.

**Full story: newindianexpress.com**

# Djokovic, Sabalenka in Oz Open quarterfinals

AFP @ Melbourne

NOVAK Djokovic was at his dominant best in a straight-sets demolition job to reach the Australian Open quarter-finals on Sunday, with Aryna Sabalenka and Coco Gauff in equally ruthless touch.

The Serbian superstar recaptured his top form to surge into the last 16 after dropping sets in his opening two matches while ill, and he stepped up another level against Adrian Mannarino. The French 20th seed, who at 35 is just a year younger than Djokovic, has been enjoying a late career resurgence. But he was taught a lesson by the world number one, who won the first 13 games in powering through to the last eight of a Grand Slam for the 58th time, equalling Roger Federer's men's record.

### Select results (Rd 4)

**Men's singles:** Novak Djokovic (SRB x1) bt Adrian Mannarino (FRA x20) 6-0, 6-0, 6-3, Taylor Fritz (USA x12) bt Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE x7) 7-6 (7/3), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, Jannik Sinner (ITA x4) bt Karen Khachanov (RUS x15) 6-4, 7-5, 6-3, Andrey Rublev (RUS x5) bt Alex De Minaur (AUS x10) 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-7 (4/7), 6-3, 6-0; **Women's singles:** Coco Gauff (USA x4) bt Magdalena Frech (POL) 6-1, 6-2, Aryna Sabalenka (BLR x2) bt Amanda Anisimova (USA) 6-3, 6-2, Marta Kostyuk (UKR) bt Maria Timofeeva (RUS) 6-2, 6-1, Barbora Krejcikova (CZE x9) bt Mirra Andreeva (RUS) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

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## Apollo 5 lifts off

On this day in 1968, Apollo 5, LM-1 simulated the steps of a lunar landing mission, to land the crew on the Moon and return them to lunar orbit

**THE PREPARATION**

Before declaring the Lunar Module safe to fly, it required testing in Earth's orbit without a crew. Grumman Aircraft delivered it to NASA where workers prepared it for flight

**THE PROCESS**

Workers stacked LM-1 inside the SLA atop the AS-204 rocket to begin prelaunch testing, including a countdown demonstration test

**THE MISSION**

Apollo 5 did not complete the mission. The responsiveness of the control team to an off-nominal situation helped devise an alternate success

*CE's guide to happenings in the city*

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## *Saanchi Antiques, Langford Road*

Lord Ram has been a muse for many an artist's imagination. If you are a fan of antiques or anything vintage, then Saanchi Antiques, situated in the quaint streets of Langford Road, has curated collector's pieces. Alongside rare Lord Rama Pattabhishekam glass paintings, one gets to witness porcelain statues of Lord Ram, Sita, and Lakshman and a gold kasu necklace featuring an engraving of Lord Ram and Sita. "The porcelain piece was made in Germany, during the late 19th century. The faces of the idols were inspired by the Raja Ravi Verma paintings. While in India, we use bold colours, pastel colours were used for the porcelain," explains Parwathi Mirlay, the founder of Saanchi Antiques, further adding, "What makes the gold kasu necklace unique is that while most Kasu necklaces have Goddess Lakshmi engraved, this was the first time I saw Lord Ram engraved."

# ART BEYOND RELIGION

On the occasion of the Ram Mandir inauguration in Ayodhya, artists and galleries are showcasing exhibits that celebrate Lord Ram's life

– MONIKA MONALISA

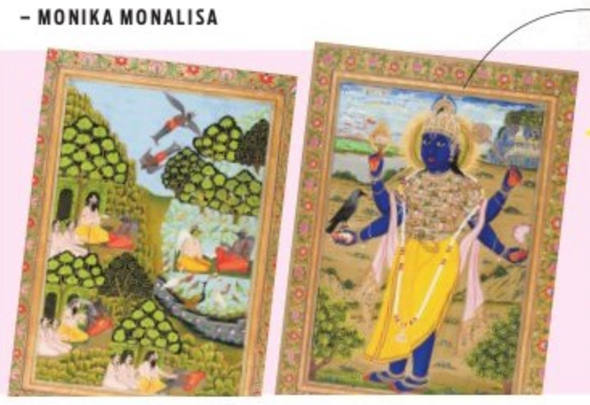
PICS: NAGARAJA GADEKAL & ALLEN EGENUSE J

## *Gallery G, Lavelle Road*

Various aspects of Lord Ram's life story are depicted in Raja Ravi Verma's lithographs. On the occasion of the temple inauguration, Gallery G is showcasing some of those lithographs. Among the highlights is Shree Ram Janam, a rare depiction of an infant Lord Ram, alongside his parents King Dsaratha and mother Kaushalya. There is also a lithograph of an episode of Sita Swayamvar. The scene shows Ram effortlessly lifting the legendary bow Pinaka and breaking it. Sita is shown as a small girl, hugging her father Janaka. Apart from Raja Ravi Verma's lithographs, the exhibition also features paintings from the episodes of *Ramayana* by artists like Keshav Venkataraghavan.

## *A Colourful Tribute*

City-based artist Vilas Nayak is paying tribute to the inauguration of the Ram Temple with his latest painting. "As a child, I used to do paintings of Lord Ram and Hanuman and for the past four to five years I have been planning to do it to relive those childhood memories. A few months ago, I did a Hanuman painting and now finally I managed to finish the Lord Ram painting. Secondly, the inauguration is such a big event for the country," says Nayak. Many might find an uncanny resemblance of Lord Ram's face in his painting to Dr Rajkumar and Puneeth Rajkumar. However, the artist reveals that it is not done intentionally. "I wanted the face to be calm and smiling. But many times it does not come that perfectly, no matter how seasoned the artist is. But I was quite happy with the way it turned," says Nayak.



## *MAP, Kasturba Road*

The ongoing exhibition at the Museum of Art & Photography (MAP), Bengaluru, *Book of Gold: The Kanchana Chitra Ramayana of Banaras* showcases the 75-plus folios from the *Kanchana Chitra Ramayana* or the Golden Illustrated *Ramayana*. The manuscript, based on Tulsidas' *Ramcharitmanas*, was commissioned by Maharaja Udit Narayan Singh of Banaras and created between 1796 and 1814. "The seven volumes of the magnificent *Kanchana Chitra Ramayana*, an illustrated *Ramcharitmanas*, have justifiably garnered great praise by the scribes of the text," says Parul Singh, co-curator of the show.

This multi-sensory exhibition is showcasing different kinds of soils through exhibits, films and performances

# Soil & Senses

MONIKA MONALISA

AT Soil Stories, an ongoing exhibition at Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwanthpur, there is a particular section where people are invited to walk barefoot on soil with sounds that are evocative of people's relationship with soil. There's also the smell of wet soil, petrichor, which is an immersive space that's built using natural fabrics that are dyed with different colours of soil. It could be a simple thing that is set up but it takes you back to being connected to the soil, which is mostly forgotten in the hustle-bustle of daily life.

Soil Stories is a multi-sensory exhibition that showcases different kinds of soils. The exhibition has various films and performances scheduled. Siddharth Lakshman, co-founder of Bangalore Creative Circus explains, "The idea is to question how we can throw some light on a very vital but quite often silent and invisible force that exists on the earth, which is soil. How can we change our relationship with it, from treating it as a dead resource to one that is the source of life, and of so many things that we use in our daily lives."

The exhibition, which is scheduled till February 25, is designed to be reflective and experiential. There are a series of 16 artefacts, spaces, and installations that bring up questions regarding people's relationship with soil. "The exhibition takes us through this journey of showing many facets of soil. We look at what the components of clay are, and the importance of combating the biggest challenge of soil erosion. There are also experiments to go along with it," says Lakshman.

GRUB HUB

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**CITY READ**

### Cancer Centre inaugurates India's first AI-Precision Oncology Centre

Apollo Cancer Centre, Bengaluru has inaugurated India's first AI-Precision Oncology Centre (POC) to enhance oncology care. The POC employs AI to facilitate timely results for oncologists, patients, and care givers. This facility provides medical services, ensuring precise diagnosis, real-time insights, cancer risk assessment, treatment protocols, and continuous care. The AI-POC also identifies suitable patients for targeted therapy and immunotherapy through conversational AI on diagnoses, support group connections, and more. Inaugurated by Dinesh Gundu Rao, state minister for health & family welfare, the event also saw the presence of Suneeta Reddy, managing director at Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd, among others.

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# INCARNATION OF AYODHYA'S RAMA TEMPLE UNVEILED AT GIRINAGARA'S VASAVI TEMPLE

SUMA SATHISH

In every direction one turns, the resonating chants of Lord Rama echo. Today marks the auspicious day when countless hearts yearn to witness the sacred city of Ayodhya. Yet, for many, this pilgrimage remains a distant dream. To bridge this gap, a meticulous replica of Ayodhya's revered Rama temple is set to be unveiled at Girinagara's Vasavi Temple in Bengaluru.

This exquisite exhibit mirrors the grandeur of the Ayodhya Rama temple, providing devotees with an immersive experience in the divine aura of Lord Rama. Today, the temple will broadcast live telecasts of Rama's consecration, worship, and *bhajans*, offering a unique opportunity for spiritual connection.

Devotees are warmly invited to partake in this divine representation, meticulously crafted in thermocol by renowned artisans to match the dimensions of Vasavi Temple's sanctum. Special recognition is extended to the dedicated efforts of the acclaimed artist, Uday Kumar, who devoted countless hours to bring this splendid replica to life.

Standing tall at 24 feet and spanning 18 feet in width, the replica's tower is an impressive testament to the artistry involved. The unveiling ceremony, graced by Swamiji and dignitaries, will include Ravi Subrahmanya, MLA. Public darshan will be open from today to January 30th, between 7:30 am and 8:30 pm. The temple committee earnestly urges all devotees to visit with their loved ones and seek the blessings of Lord Rama.

### Special highlights of Girinagara's Vasavi Temple

As the temple gears up to celebrate its 23rd anniversary, having served the community for 22 years, it is bedecked with diverse decorations dedicated to the divine mother Shakthi, featuring three special idols.

The temple, a symbol of inclusivity, welcomes people of all castes and religions who visit with profound devotion. The temple also organises daily distribution of *Prasadam*, emphasising its commitment to spiritual and social well-being.

Driving the temple's various activities, both religious and social, is the Vasavi Temple Trust. The members include Dr. A. Satish (President), Venkatesh Babu (Secretary), LK Mani (Treasurer), Gopinath (Joint Secretary), Prahlad (Joint Secretary), Niranjan, Shobha Satish, NA Nagaraj (Vice Presidents), and L A Badrinath (Director).

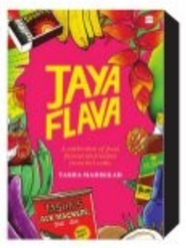
Attractions within the temple premises include a 15-foot goddess Vasavi statue made from 501 kg of turmeric, a 12-foot silk-thread sculpture, a majestic 21-foot Vishwaroopa idol, and an 18-foot silicon sculpture of Goddess Vasavi Kanyakaparameshwari.

# BOOK NOOK

## Her One True Love: A Novel

**by Ruchita Misra**

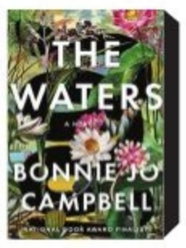
When Ikadashi Kumar and Fredrick Heisenberg meet in London, the pull is immediate and electric. She enjoys dancing in the rain and has worked her way up the corporate ladder. He is curt, focused and one the most desirable men in the UK.




## Jayaflava: A Celebration of Food, Flavour and Recipes from Sri Lanka

**by Tasha Marikkar**

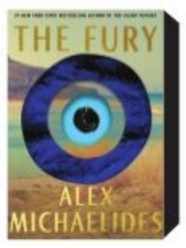
A mouthwatering culinary tour of Sri Lanka, Jayaflava brings together the history, traditions, ingredients, spices, their preparation and use in this step-by-step guide.




## The Waters

**by Bonnie Jo Campbell**

Rose Thorn, has left her daughter Dorothy Zook, to grow up wild. She spends her days waiting for her father, unaware that violent men will flood through the swamp and upend her idyllic childhood.




## The Fury

**by Alex Michaelides**

A masterfully paced thriller about a reclusive ex-movie star and her famous friends whose spontaneous trip to a private Greek island is upended by a murder.

# WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

## Move your Body

Groove to the latest hits and timeless Bollywood classics as you unlock the magic of movement at this dance workshop.

**WHEN:** Jan 22, 7.30 pm
**WHERE:** LVDS, Indiranagar
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

## Sitar Serenade

Experience a soulful musical evening with the performance of the Grammy-nominated sitar virtuoso Anoushka Shankar at this live concert.

**WHEN:** Jan 22, 8 pm
**WHERE:** Dr BR Ambedkar Bhavan, Vasanth Nagar
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

## Mic Magic

Sing to your heart's content and let the music guide your soul at this karaoke night, while spending a lively evening surrounded by friends and family.

**WHEN:** Jan 22, 4 pm
**WHERE:** Casa Karaoke, JP Nagar
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

## Tune Up Your Talent

Engage yourself in a workshop that seamlessly blends singing with string instrument playing, with a focus on guitar and ukulele.

**WHEN:** Jan 22, 8pm
**WHERE:** My School of Rock, Adugodi
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

## Craft Wheel

Join this pottery workshop where you mould your creativity and learn both hand-building and wheel techniques. Let your hands shape the clay, connecting your mind and body with your artistic side.

**WHEN:** Jan 23, 11 am
**WHERE:** Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

## Comedy Night

Enjoy an unforgettable evening filled with witty observations, clever jokes, and a comedic journey through life's insanity by standup comedian Prashasti Singh.

**WHEN:** Jan 22, 8.30 pm
**WHERE:** The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

## Vivid Vibes

Grab your brush for a master canvas painting workshop while exploring texture techniques, and creating stunning masterpieces. **WHEN:** Jan 22, 11.30 am **WHERE:** Art Beat, HSR Layout **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

ARTISTIC BLOOMS

A visitor explores the various flower arrangements showcased at the Lalbagh floral exhibition on Sunday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

## QUICK FIX

# CUSTARD PUDDING

Contributed by **Princy Glady,** Chennai

**INGREDIENTS**

- **Custard Powder:** 25 g
- **Milk:** 125 ml
- **Sugar:** 50 g

**METHOD**

- Mix custard powder with milk and form a paste.
- Add sugar to the milk and boil.
- Add the paste slowly to boiling milk, stir continuously and cook for two minutes. Let it cool.
- Enjoy as it is, or with fruits.

## What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

## FIT BIT

# ARDHA BADDHA PARIVRTTA KUNTASANA PREP

(HALF BOUND REVOLVED SPEAR POSE PREP)

**The Spear Pose combines the hip-opening aspects of a squat, with the need for our minds to be completely focused and in the moment as we balance. This involves a graceful and dynamic alignment of the body. Balancing is the most important aspect of this practice.**

**STEPS**

- Start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose), standing straight with feet hip-width apart.
- Take a step forward with your left foot
- Extend your arms straight on the sides, parallel to the ground, palms facing down.
- Keep your right foot on your right hip.
- Inhale, stretching your spine, and exhale as you bend your right knee, getting into a lunge position.
- Raise your left arm up, keeping the palm in Chin Mudra.
- Bring the left arm to your back and keep the palm on your left thigh.
- Ensure your right foot is in the inner side of the right elbow.
- Turn your head to the left. look straight, focusing your Drishti (gaze) on a fixed point.
- Hold the pose maintaining balance and stability.
- Repeat on the other side, switching the position of your feet and arms.

**BENEFITS**

- Engages the legs, core, and shoulders, promoting overall strength and stability.
- Helps build a strong foundation in the body, improving balance and coordination.
- This elongated posture stretches the spine, hamstrings, and hip flexors, enhancing flexibility and range of motion.
- Helps release tension in the lower back and improves posture.
- Holding the pose challenges the mind to stay present and focused.
- It cultivates clarity, sharpening concentration, and promoting mindfulness.
- Deep stretch in the abdominal area stimulates digestion and aids in detoxification.
- Alleviates digestive issues and enhances the overall functioning of the digestive system.

**LIMITATIONS**

People suffering from severe pain in knee joints, arms, legs, hips, shoulders or lower back injuries, should avoid this asana.

Pregnant women must not practise this pose.

**By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

# NOW STREAMING

## REGIONAL

**CHAMAK** (Hindi, series)

Kaala – an aspirational rapper from Canada who flees back to Punjab, learns about the mysterious murder of his father and iconic singer Taara Singh. The story unfolds the dark side of music industry's glamour, politics and more.

**Cast:** Paramvir Cheema, Isha Talwar, Akasa Singh, Siddharth Shaw

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

**PARKING** (Tamil)

An elderly man and a youngster who are tenants sharing two different floors of an individual house fight over a parking space.

**Cast:** Harish Kalyan, MS Bhaskar, Indhuja

- **Watch on:** Disney+Hotstar

**SHASTRY VIRUDDH SHASTRY** (Hindi)

Yaman Shastry who binds the family together lives in his grandparents' care and his parents visit him on the weekends. Things get twisted when Yaman's father gets a chance to settle in the US but Guruji is unwilling to let Yaman go.

**Cast:** Kabir Pahwa, Paresh Rawal, Shiv Panditt, Neena Kulkarni

- **Watch on:** Netflix

**KILLER SOUP** (Hindi, series)

Swathi Shetty, a talentless home chef, cooks up a bizarre plan to replace her husband, with her lover. But, things don't go as planned and a recipe for chaos ensues.

**Cast:** Konkona Sen Sharma, Manoj Bajpayee, Nassar

- **Watch on:** Netflix

**CONJURING KANNAPAN** (Tamil)

A man begins to have nightmares where he experiences things in sleep have an effect on him in real life, too. But as his derangement spreads across his family and friends, they decide to go to the root of the cause.

**Cast:** Sathish, Regina Cassandra, Nassar, Anandraj

- **Watch on:** Netflix

*All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.*

**KAATHAL – THE CORE** (Malayalam)

Mathew, a retired bank secretary, reluctantly enters politics for a by-election. The movie delves into his marriage dynamics, justice, and personal fulfillment amid a tight-knit village community.

**Cast:** Mammootty, Jyotika, Anagha Akku, Alex Alister

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

**P.I MEENA** (Hindi, series)

A young, troubled, female private investigator gets thrown into a world, where she has to fathom the unfathomable and find her own self.

**Cast:** Tanya Maniktala, Parambrata Chattopadhyay, Harsh Chhaya, Saurav Das

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

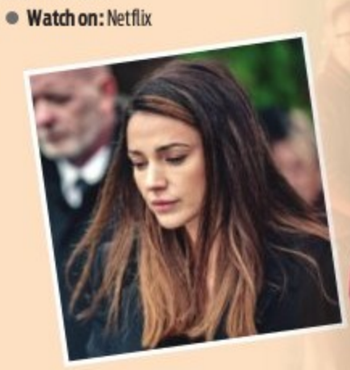
## FOREIGN

**BERLIN** (Spanish, series)

Back to his golden age before the events of 'Money Heist', Berlin and a masterful gang gather in Paris to plan one of his most ambitious robberies ever.

**Cast:** Pedro Alonso, Michelle Jenner, Tristán Ulloa, Begoña Vargas

- **Watch on:** Netflix



**FOOL ME ONCE** (English, series)

Widowed mum Mya is disturbed by an image of her late husband captured on her toddler's nanny cam.

**Cast:** Michelle Keegan, Adeel Akhtar, Richard Armitage, Emmett J Scanlan

- **Watch on:** Netflix



**SOCIETY OF THE SNOW** (English)

The flight of a rugby team crashes on a glacier in the Andes. The few passengers who survive the crash find themselves in one of the world's toughest environments to survive.

**Cast:** Enzo Vogrincic, Agustín Pardella, Matías Recalt, Esteban Bigliardi

- **Watch on:** Netflix

**FOE** (English)

Hen and Junior farm a secluded piece of land that has been in Junior's family for generations, but their quiet life is thrown into turmoil when an uninvited stranger shows up at their door with a startling proposal.

**Cast:** Saoirse Ronan, Paul Mescal, Aaron Pierre, Jordan Chodziesner

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

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| Netflix: | ₹199/month |
| Prime Video: | ₹299/month |
| Jio Cinema: | ₹999/year |
| Disney+Hotstar: | ₹899/year |
| Zee5: | ₹699/year |
| Viki Rakuten: | ₹299/month |
| Aha: | ₹699/year |
| SonyLIV: | ₹299/month |

# 'A PLEASURE TO COACH BACHCHAN, GANGULY, SURESH GOPI...'

Siddhartha Basu, the father of Indian television quizzing, speaks to *CE* about his career, the *KBC* saga, future projects, and more

NANDAKRISHNAN VELLAT

SIDDHARTHA Basu needs no introduction. A mainstay of television programming for years, he is best remembered for hosting the popular quiz show *Mastermind India* and producing *Kaun Banega Crorepati*, among a slew of other big game shows. His phrase, "I've started, so I'll finish," remains a popular nugget of Indian television history.

Recently, *CE* caught up with the 'Father of the Indian Television Quizzing' for a free-wheeling chat about his career, the *KBC* saga, future projects, and more.

**What brought you into the world of quizzes?**

It was happenstance. My background was in theatre. I was passionate about it — I still am — and would've loved to make a living out of it. But it's difficult in India. Here, people usually only pursue theatre performance as a hobby, not a career. I also dabbled in documentary filmmaking, doing shows around science and developing news features.

Later, I worked as a cultural attache with the Taj Group, often acting as an impresario — I would put together events and host them. Seeing how I was all dressed up and stately, as an impresario usually is, my friends from my filmmaking days, who had landed a job at Doordarshan, invited me to deliver the opening monologue for their upcoming quiz show. A month later, I was told that Doordarshan wanted me to host the show.

That's how I got into *Quiz Time*, the national inter-college quiz competition that was a big hit on television then. It had a snowball effect, and I saw myself hosting many shows afterwards, most of which were quizzes.

**Many still remember you as the face of *Mastermind*, a popular quiz show. How did that show shape up here in India?**

It was originally a British show. BBC had noticed that quiz shows were popular in India. So they wanted to roll out something here too, to fill their 'Made in India' slot. They decided to replicate a form of their successful show *Mastermind*, and we were tasked with producing it. We did a total of five seasons. It did fantastically well. However, when that division of BBC folded, the shows, too, wrapped up.

**You eventually formed a company, Big Synergy, which was key in creating some wonderful shows in India. Could you elaborate on that journey?**

When it began, it was called Synergy, and later, when we tied up with Adlabs and Reliance ADAG, it became Big Synergy. The idea was to have complete creative control over the programmes. Remember, this was way back in 1986. With each new step, our projects became bigger. I was associated with *Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC)* for 21 years. We also oversaw the production of the game show in nine different languages. The programme garnered fantastic viewership across India in all languages.

We also did shows like *India's Got Talent*, *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa*, and *Dancing with the Stars*. In 2016, I stepped back from active work in the company but remained as a consultant producer. Later, I started Tree of Knowledge Digital (DigiTok), which does game shows in a similar genre.

**Could you share details on how *KBC* was conceived?**

*KBC* was a licensed Hindi adaptation of *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire*. The show was a big hit across the world. Star decided to license it and run the show here in India. For this, they collaborated with us.

*Mastermind*, though successful, was a cerebral kind of programming which only a select group of people tuned into. *KBC*, on the other hand, was on the other end of the spectrum with its mass appeal. It had its fair share of challenges too, as we had to quickly find ways to connect with the Hindi-speaking world as the first version of the show was to be rolled out in Hindi. We looked at all aspects, from audience participation to content, from presentation to finding the perfect host, which we found in Amitabh Bachchan.

Finally, everything came together well. I remember overhearing the music of *KBC* on the streets once. I was overjoyed.

The Malayalam version, *Ningalkkum Aakaam Kodeeshwaran*, also garnered a positive audience reception. *KBC* had a satisfying outing.

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> Siddhartha Basu

**What are some of your fondest memories from hosting shows?**

As a host, you mix stagecraft and a sense of competition and play with everyone. For me, the biggest satisfaction has always been in engaging not just the contestants but also the audience, kindling their imagination. This participation, this interactivity, especially when questions come thick and fast, is the soul of quizzing.

It has also been a pleasure to work as a coach to several talents like Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Suresh Gopi, Mukesh, Surya, Prakash Raj, Sourav Ganguly and others across languages and programming. It was a pleasure and a privilege.

**What projects are you working on now?**

*Quizzer of the Year*. It is a national inter-school contest for senior school students in grades 9 to 12. The show offers a scholarship of ₹1 crore. It is an all-digital property and likely the first of its kind. It will be available on Sony Liv soon.

**What word of advice would you like to give to future generations?**

Stay curious, be sceptical, and question everything, especially in today's age of misinformation. Learn to get to the facts and truth of things and share it. Information leads to knowledge, which leads to understanding and, hopefully, wisdom. In this world, we need so much understanding, compassion, care, mutual tolerance and diversity.

## NUGGETS

### Tribute concert for Padma Shri awardee TK Murthy to be held

Centenary celebrations for the Padma Shri awardee and mrudanga player TK Murthy will be organized by Sri Mookambika Talavadya Sangeetha Kalashale on January 26 at 4.45pm in Pathi Sabhangana, N R Colony. TK Murthy boasts over 90 years of performance experience, making him one of the oldest performing musicians. The celebrations commences with Taalaarchana, presenting rhythmic compositions by esteemed artists, followed by the felicitation of TK Murthy. The event will also feature chief guests RK Padmanabha, Suma Sudhindra, and Vidwan Mysore M Nagaraj. The evening also features a musical violin duet concert by Mysore M Nagaraj, Mysore M Manjunath, and their team.

### Over 200 films to be screened at the 15th BIFFes

The 15th edition of Bengaluru International Film Festival is scheduled to take place in the city from February 29 to March 7. The opening ceremony at Vidhana Soudha will be inaugurated by chief minister Siddaramaiah. Over 200 films from 50 countries will be screened in various sections, including contemporary world cinema, Kannada cinema, and more. The closing ceremony will be held at Vidhana Soudha's Banquet Hall where Governor of Karnataka Thawar Chand Gehlot will present the awards to the winners of the Competitions sections under Asian, Indian and Kannada films. Visitors can attend regular screenings from March 1 to 7 at 11 screens across the city. The festival will also feature workshops, panel discussions, and lectures on editing, scriptwriting and more. Online registration begins on February 15, priced at ₹800 for the general public and ₹400 for students and film enthusiasts.

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CHANGE OF NAME

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, Sandhya Vinay, R/a No. MF22/12, 2nd Floor, V Block, MIG BDA Flats, Nandini Layout, Bangalore- 560096. I have changed my name from Sandhya Muddenahalli Srinivasa Murthy to **SANDHYA VINAY** Vide affidavit date: 30.12.2023. Sworn before Notary: Shreeshail B. Gobbani.

**NAME DECLARATION**
I, **Shilpa M.P.,** W/o Jagadish Babu C.A, aged about 34 years, Residing at No.146, Yellodu, C.K. Halli Post, Gudibande Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, Karnataka-561209, hereby declare that both the names **"Shilpa M.P" and "Shilpa Jagadish Babu C.A"** are belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 10.01.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary **S. Nagaraja,** at Bangalore. hereafter for all future correspondence I will retain my old name and my signature will be **"Shilpa M.P"** all Purposes

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **MEERA SHENOY**, R/o No. 458, 18th Main, F-Block, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru-560092, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MEERARAMANATHA SHENOY** to **MEERA SHENOY**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MEERA SHENOY** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **DIWAKAR. N. KAGAWAD**, at Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **LAVINA GADODIA** D/o GOBINDRAM PISHU DADLANI and Ex-Wife of TAPAN KUMAR GADODIA, R/o Apartment 52 Block I, Diamond district Apartments Old Airport old, Near KGA, HAL 1st Stage, Bengaluru 560008, Karnataka. declare that I got divorce from my husband **TAPAN KUMAR GADODIA** vide court decree MC No. 6323/2019 dated 12.01.2021 Further, I have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **LAVINA PISHU DADLANI**. vide affidavit dated 18.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA**, at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MUAAZ KHALID MUSHARRUFF** S/o Khalid Musharruf, aged about 20 years, Residing at No. 11, Chikbazaar Road Cross, Tasker Town, HKP Road Post, Bengaluru-560051 have changed my name to **MUAAZ** vide affidavit dt. 19/01/2024 before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA**, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Manjunatha .A**, Son of Anjanappa, Aged about 43 years, Residing at No. 50, Kallahalli Road, Upparahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, have changed the name of my minor daughter from **SINDHU .M** to **SAMIKSHA .M** vide affidavit dated 17.01.2024 sworn to before R. Jyshree, Notary at Hoskote.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **VENKATESH**, R/a. No. 59, Jaraganahalli, Bangalore-560078, state that my name is wrongly mentioned as **VENKATESH. V** in my Son **V TARUN YADAV's** SSLC Marks Card, I have changed my name from **VENKATESH V** to **VENKATESH,** in my Son's SSLC Marks Card, vide Affidavit dated: 04.08.2023, Sworn before Notary, Mohammed Hussain.K., Bangalore.

**DECLARATION**
I, **Smt. MADESHWARI** W/o Babu previously called as Smt. Maheswari D/o. Ponnuswamy and Smt. P. Matheswari aged about 65 years, residing at No.164/C, 2nd Cross, Nagappa Street, 1' Main, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020 have changed my name from **Smt. MAHESWARI D/o. PONNUSWAMY and Smt. P. MATHESWARI to Smt. MADESHWARI W/o BABU** vide affidavit dated 09.01.2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary Smt. K.N. Ramadevi, Bengaluru.

**NAME CHANGE**
I, **KUMUDA RANGARAJ D/o Sri Kuppur Seshadri Iyengar aged about 89 years Residing at No. 344B, 3rd Main Near BDA Complex, 4th Block HBR Layout Bangalore-560043, declare that, I have change my name from KUMUDA RANGARAJ to KUMUDAVALLI vide affidavit dated 19-01-2024 sworn before notary Uday Kumar.K, Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be known as KUMUDAVALLI in my all future documents.**

**DECLARATION**
I, M.Giridhareswar Reddy, residing at No.884, 7th Cross, Om Shivashakthi Nagar, Konanakunte, J.P Nagar, 7th Phase Bangalore - 560062 ,I hereby declare that **my son M.Sathvik Reddy birth certificate bearing Reg. No.2417, Birth Dated 19-11-2007**, at Andra Pradesh this date of birth is correct, But my son school records by over sight my son's date has been wrongly mentioned as 18-06-2007 instead of 19-11-2007 **the correct date of birth 19-11-2007** vide affidavit dated: 20.01.2024 before notary Puttaraju, B.A, LL.B, Advocate & Notary, Kanakarpura main road, Bangalore - 78

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **R LATHA**, legally wedded spouse of No. JC308095Y, Rank SUB Name D Ravichandran, presently R/at No. 98, 11th Cross, Ex-Serviceman Street, Near Kullappa Circle, Subbayana Palya, Bangaluru-560033, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **R LATHA** to **K LATHA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **K LATHA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Y.R CHANDRASEKAR**, at Bangalore.

**ಹೆಸರು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ**
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560 057, ಟಿ. ದಾಸರಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಭುವನೇಶ್ವರಿ ನಗರ, 3ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 302ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ. ಕೆ. ಭಕ್ತವತ್ಸಲಮಿ ರವರ ಮಗ ಸುಮಾರು 38 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ ಶ್ರೀ. ಶಿವ ಶಂಕರ್. ಪಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿ ಸುಮಾರು 35 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಕವಿತಾ. ಎಸ್. ಟಿ. ಆದ ನಾವುಗಳು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಮಗನ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು [ಶಾಲೆಯ ಹೆಸರು] ಶ್ರೀ ಲಕ್ಷಿತ್. ಎಸ್ ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ಈಗ [ಹೊಸ ಹೆಸರು] ಶ್ರೀ ಲಿಖಿತ್ ಗೌಡ. ಎಸ್. **[LIKHITH GOWDA. S]** ಎಂದು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಜೋಟರಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್ ಬಮ್ಮಪ್ಪನವರ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಸಮಕ್ಷಮದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 20.01.2024ರಂದು ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **JALEEL KHALID MUSHARRUF** S/o R Abdul Jaleel, aged about 47 years, Residing at No. 11, Chikbazaar Road Cross, Near Modi Masjid, Tasker Town, HKP Road Post, Bengaluru-560051 have changed my name to **KHALID MUSHARRUF** vide affidavit dt. 19/01/2024 before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA**, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Sri. YOGESH K B**, Son of Sri. Boregowda and Smt. Sundramma and Resident of # 02, 12th Cross, NGEF Layout, Mallathahalli, Bangalore - 560 056, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Sri. YOGEESH. K B** to **Sri. YOGESH K B** vide affidavit dated 18.01.2024 sworn to before Sumithra .N, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Chaitra Aditya Math** W/o Aditya Math, R/at No. B-309, Trendsquares Ortus - 2, Apartment, Amruthahalli, Near Shree Lakshmi Narayana Temple, Sahakaranagar Post, Bangalore North - 560092, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Chaitra Kuchanur** to **Chaitra Aditya Math**. A vide affidavit dated 20.01.2024 sworn to before Notary **G.R Ravichandra Reddy**.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **A MANGAI** is legally wedded spouse of Army No.14264119L Rank NAIK Name **BALASUBRAMANIAN G** R/at No.12/1, 14th C Cross, Agarahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore- 560079 have changed my name from **A MANGAI** to **MANGAI B A** vide affidavit dated: 19/01/2024 before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) SYED GHOUSE SYED KHASIM** Residing at No.223, 12th Cross Modi Masjid Road D J Halli A C Post Bangalore - 560045. have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SYED GHOUSE SYED KHASIM** to **(NEW NAME) SYED GHOUSE** vide affidavit dated 20.01.2024 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHILPA** W/o Umesha. H, aged about 30 years, permanent address at Dam Hosur, Bhyrapura, Sagar Taluk, Shivamoggga Dist. Karnataka-577412, presntly R/at No. 61, Yashogruha, Sri Sai Samrudhi Layout, Koppa Gate, Bengaluru-560105, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NIRANJANI A** to **SHILPA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHILPA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L VEENA**, at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MANJEGOWDA H.S**, S/o Mr. Shivegowda, Aged about 43 years, R/at No. 40, "Hongirana Building", 8th Main, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Banashankari III Stage, Bangalore-560085, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter name from **CHINMAYI H.M** to **RISHIKA KARUNYA. M**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **RISHIKA KARUNYA. M** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. SULAKSHANA**, at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **KORODI PRABHAKARA POORNIMA** W/o Gopalakrishna Lakshmisha, R/o No.97, Sri Krishna IEHCS Layout, 7th A Main Road, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560097. do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **KORUDI PRABHAKAR POORNIMA** to **KORODI PRABHAKARA POORNIMA**. Henceforth, I shall be known and called as **KORODI PRABHAKARA POORNIMA** only, vide affidavit dated 02.11.2023, sworn before advocate and notary K C Pemmaiah, at Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Rayeesa P.A**, wife of Abdul Kader K.C., Aged about 47 years, R/at No. 32/B2, Ahmed Enclave, Sri Ram Mandir Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560 004, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Rayisa Aboo** to **Rayeesa P.A** vide affidavit dated 20.01.2024 sworn to before S. Nagaraja, Advocate & Notary Public (Govt. of Karnataka), Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHUBHASHREE SRINIVAS** (OLD NAME)W/o SRINIVAS DORESWAMY, aged about 59 years residing at NO.996, 59th C CROSS, 4 TH M BLOCK, RAJAJINAGAR, BANGALORE-560010. I have changed My Name as **SHUBHA SRINIVAS**, Affidavit Dated 20/01/2024 Sworn before Notary by Deepa M

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **LAKSHMI BHARATH**, D/o Late M.C. Chidananda & W/o Bharath K.A., aged 38 Years, R/at #91, Ganga Jamuna Road, 4th Cross, Akshayanagar, Begur, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560068, have changed my name from **"LAKSHMI JOIS" to "LAKSHMI BHARATH"** for all purposes from today by an Affidavit sworn to before Notary, Vani G.K, Dated 17.01.2024 at Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be known by my new name of **LAKSHMI BHARATH** only.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **CHITTOOR VISHWANATHAN GOPALAKRISHNAN**, aged about 65 years, S/o Late Mr. Chittoor Seshaiyer Vishwanathan, R/at 250, Old No. 12C/37, "SREELAKSHMI", BOB Colony, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, I declare that in my Passport bearing no. N7393056, my given name is mentioned as **Gopalkrishnan** and family name as **Chittoor Vishwanathan**, I hereby state that the name **Mr. Chittoor Vishwanathan Gopalakrishnan, C.V Gopalakrishnan** and **Chittoor Vishwanathan Gopalkrishnan** are names of the same person i.e., myself, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAMESH J. SOLANKI**, at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NAFEESA HUDA**, aged about 34 years, D/o Late Akber Baig and W/o Suhail Ahmed Baig, R/at F-03, 1st Floor, Green Heights Apartment, Mango Garden Layout, kanakapura Main Road, VTC: Bangalore South, P.O. Konanakunte Bengaluru, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my names from **NAFEESA HUDA AKBER BAIG** and **NAFEESA ALSO KNOWN AS HUDA** to **NAFEESA HUDA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **NAFEESA HUDA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.T THIPPESWAMY**, at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **RAMESHA MUNIREDDY**, S/o. Munireddy Gonigattapura, residing at #353/2, Sree Sai Sumukhaa Mahal, 4th Cross, 3rd A Main, Behind St. George College, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bengaluru 560043, have changed my name to **RAMESH MUNIREDDY**, vide Affidavit Dated: 19/01/2024 sworn before Notary **N.KANCHIVARADARAJU**, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **DINESH KUMAR .R** S/o Ramakrishnaiah. R/at Lakshmi Pura Post, Shanthinagara, Gangagodnahalli, Bengaluru North - 562162, here by declare that I have changed my minor son name from **ANVITH .D** to **ADITYA .D** vide affidavit dated 22.12.2023 sworn to before Notary **T.V. Bhadravijaya.**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **PRADEEP**, S/o, Jai Bhagwan, aged about 32 years, Permanent Address:H. No.123/1, Julana, Jind, Haryana-126101, India, presently Residing at, No.34/7, IAM Officer Enclave, Old Airport Road, Vimanapura, Bangalore-560017, Karnataka, India, have changed my Name from **PARDEEP** (Old Name) to **PRADEEP** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated:20-01-2024, Sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, S.N. Madhu, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SUSHMITA VINOD NAIK** D/o. Vinod S Nayak, Aged about 29 years, resident of #203-Meena College Road, Mathakeri, Ankola, Behind Hotel Sapna, Uttara Kannada, Ankola, Karnataka-581314, have changed my name from **SUSHMITA VINOD NAIK** to **SUSHMITA V NAIK**, in all the documents records.

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# Dollu-duo Pavan Wadeyar and Sagar Puranik to collaborate once again

The upcoming project will revolve around a journey and is currently in the pre-production stages

A SHARADHAA

Director Pavan Wadeyar, known for films like *Googly, Rana Vikrama* and *Natasaarvabhowma*, made his production debut with *Dollu*, with director Sagar Puranik. The film was released in 2021 and achieved national acclaim, *Dollu* highlights the protagonist's (Bhadra) struggle to revive tradition and also sheds light on cultural diversity. It became a critical and commercial success and even went on to receive accolades from film festivals. The Dollu-duo is now all set to team up again for another film. The upcoming project is produced by Apeksha and Pavan Wadeyar under the Wadeyar Films banner, collaborating with friends Avinash V Rai and Mohan Lal Menon.

This time, the film will revolve around a journey and how it affects people. "India is a country with numerous cultures and traditions. It has so much diversity that when one is exposed to it, can significantly influence the characteristics, personalities, and perspectives of that person. We have chosen a journey-based theme," says Pavan Wadeyar. He, along with Sagar, has already commenced the preparation work, and they will soon finalise a title for the film."

On the other hand, Pavan Wadeyar has also ventured into Bollywood with his directorial debut. The film stars Parambrata Chatterjee and features Geetha Basra as the female lead. The makers have wrapped up shooting for the film, which is currently in the post-production stages.

Mohan Lal Menon

Avinash V Rai | Pavan Wadeyar | Sagar Puranik

A still from the film

# Rajavardan's *Pranayam* gets a release date

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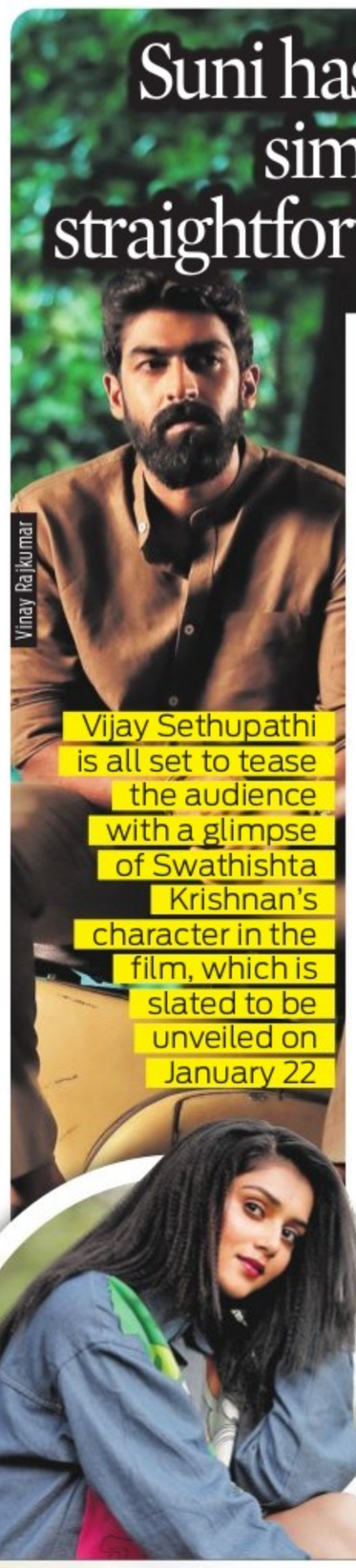
Rajavardan is all set to start the year with *Pranayam*, which is slated for release on February 9. The trailer, recently unveiled by former Deputy Mayor Mohan Raju, offers a glimpse into the film. Produced by Paramesha under Manasvi Ventures and P2 Productions, the film is directed by S Dattatreya, who has also penned the screenplay for the film.

Mano Murthy has composed the music for the film while Jayanth Kaikini has penned three songs. V Nagendra Acharya has taken care of the cinematography. Expressing his enthusiasm for the film's music, composer Mano Murthy goes on to describe the cinematography as being exceptionally beautiful and further adds that *Pranayam* is a distinct love story.

Paramesha, the producer, highlighted that the film draws inspiration from real-life events that would normally occur in a family while also adding a unique spin to it. Talking about collaborating with legends like Mano Murthy and Jayanth Kaikini, he expressed gratitude for their support. Despite the delay in release, Paramesha remains confident about the film's success

Lead actor Rajavardan, speaking at the trailer launch, conveyed his excitement for *Pranayam*. He thanked the makers for offering him a challenging role. Filmed in picturesque locations like Chikkamagaluru and Madikeri, the movie marks Bollywood actor Naina Ganguly's debut as the female lead. The ensemble cast includes Govinde Gowda, Manthan, Prashant, Sameeksha, and Priya Tarun. Madan Harini has handled the dance choreography while the fights are handled by Thriller Manju and Mass Mada.

# Suni has a knack for telling simple stories in a straightforward manner: Ganesh


Vinay Rajkumar

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Ganesh along with the team Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe

CE FEATURES

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Suni, the director of *Simple Agi Ondhu Love Story,* who last helmed *Sakath* with Ganesh, is back with his next project. This time, the director has joined hands with Vinay Rajkumar for a romantic drama titled *Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe.* The makers, who are gearing up for a release on February 8, have unveiled the first song from the film. It was launched by the Golden Star on Thursday.

The melodious track, titled *Gunu Gunugu*, features the lead actors, Vinay Rajkumar and Mallika Singh, with the music composed by Veer Samarth. Ganesh expressed his love for the song and particularly praised its catchy hook line. He also appreciated the entire team, acknowledging Vinay Rajkumar's dedication. Ganesh highlighted the simplicity of the movie, noting that director Suni has a knack for telling simple stories in a straightforward manner.

Vijay Rajkumar, speaking about the song, expressed his liking for Gunu Gunugu and praised the music director Veer Samarth for his excellent work. Sachin, the lyricist, shared his thoughts on the simple and catchy nature of the song, as the team acknowledged the collaborative effort that went into making the movie.

Meanwhile, the makers received support from actor Vijay Sethupathi, who will be unveiling a glimpse of Swathishta Krishnan's character on January 22. The latter, who co-starred with Vijay Sethupathi in Vikram, plays one of the female leads in *Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe.*

The film stars Vinay Rajkumar, Mallika Singh, and Swathishta Krishnan as one of the female leads. With Raghavendra Rajkumar in a special role, the ensemble cast also includes Rajesh Nataranga, Aruna Balaraj, and Sadhu Kokila, among others, in pivotal characters.

Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe has cinematography by DOPs Karthik Sharma and Sabha Kumar.

Mallika Singh

# 'There is so much fun in having a range of roles to explore'

CE FEATURES

After exploring dramatic roles in films like *Sakutumba Sametha* and *Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye*, a fresh chapter begins for Siri Ravikumar, as she ventures into the world of comedy with her upcoming film, *Bachelor Party.*

Reflecting on this new experience, she shares, "Though I have a theatre background, comic relief wasn't a big part of my plays, which makes this film a refreshing new experience."

While the actor is paired alongside Diganth, the film also features Yogi and Achyuth Kumar among the ensemble cast. The film has music scored by Arjun Ramu and cinematography by Aravind Kashyap.

While the film is gearing up for release this week, Siri talks about her role in the film and the portrayal of women in comedy. She says, "I approached this character in *Bachelor Party* with what I learnt from the script and went with director Abhijit Mahesh's vision. Here, Diganth plays the role of Santhosh, whom I share screen space with. The film delves into a man's life under pressure but also looks at it from a feminist point of view. *Bachelor Party* deals with domestic issues in a humorous way and the wife's indifference to his struggles adds to the humour."

As an actor accustomed to meaningful roles, Siri appreciates the light-hearted nature of *Bachelor Party,* allowing her to explore versatility. She acknowledges the situational comedy in her character, emphasising, "It's just a film; let's have fun along the way without delving into philosophy every time. Comedy is about exaggeration, and sometimes characters become caricatures. In terms of women in comedy, that's a different debate. I don't overthink it; a woman can be portrayed in various shades, both good and bad," she adds.

Highlighting her diverse roles, Siri mentions her projects like *Swathi Muthina Male Haniye*, and the upcoming *Bisi-Bisi Ice Cream,* and *O2* in which she will be seen in a supporting role. With such a variety of characters on her plate, she joyfully exclaims, "There's so much fun in having a range of roles to explore."


Siri Ravikumar

...says Siri Ravikumar as she shares insights into her upcoming film, Bachelor Party, her first full-fledged comedy film


A still from the film

KLANTA

**Director:** Vaibhav Prashanth

**Cast:** Vignesh, Sangeetha Bhat, Veena Sundar, and Shobhraj

# A blend of love, faith, survival and forest adventures



A SHARADHAA

*Klanta* takes viewers on a suspenseful rollercoaster ride. And while doing so, it underscores the importance of overcoming challenges to achieve one's goals. The film skillfully weaves a tale encompassing love, friendship, faith, laughter, and the divine, presenting a narrative rich in emotion and suspense.

Karna (Vignesh), devoted to his work, struggles to find time for his girlfriend Inchara (Sangeetha Bhat). Somehow, she convinces him to embark on a two-day trip. After fabricating an excuse, the couple, who are shown to be deeply in love, embark on their journey. They find themselves in a dense forest where after a series of unfortunate events, they run into thugs who use drone cameras to monitor the surroundings. Inchara witnesses a murder which leads to them running away from these dangerous men. The film then follows their journey through the forest, and along the way, addresses family dynamics and divine intervention in the face of adversity.

Director Vaibhav Prashanth blends various themes into the plot while conveying a message about honesty with parents and faith in God. However, in an attempt to create suspense and thrill, Vaibhav goes overboard with action sequences, resulting in a narrative that is not cohesive. Along with the kicks and punches, a more thoughtful approach to the writing could have added depth to the screenplay. While the film successfully engages the audience, the abundance of action scenes in it may feel somewhat overwhelming.

RATING 2.5/5

The natural backdrop of the forest provides a visually appealing setting, complemented by a well-crafted medley of songs and scenes. Vignesh, who has previously worked in Tulu and Konkani, makes his Kannada debut and impresses as a commercial hero, diligently following the director's instructions. Sangeetha Bhat has given her all—in what is essentially her comeback film; excelling in both the dramatic scenes as well as the action scenes.

In addition to the lead actors, the supporting cast, including Veena Sundar, Shobhraj, Praveen Jain, and Swapna Shettigar, contributes to the film's overall success. *Klanta* serves as an entertaining and thought-provoking message, blending various genres to tell a compelling story of love, faith, and survival.